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Nancy King is executive director of the Community Outreach Prevention and Education Network (COPE). King has made presentations all across Southwest Michigan to get her message out.

'That was part of my learning'

Nancy King reflects on personal loss and the mission of her nonprofit COPE Network

Q&A
NANCY KING

Nancy King wants to help the people who are too afraid to ask for help.

King is the founder of the COPE Network – also known as Community Outreach Prevention and Education Network. The nonprofit organization provides resources for people who use substances or have a history of using substances, as well as resources for their loved ones and the community.

COPE helps by offering art, music and movement-based classes, support group meetings, recovery-oriented meetings – while providing harm-reduction supplies.

In 2015, King received a grant through Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health and The Red Project to distribute the medicine naloxone – also known as Narcan – to the community as an antidote to opioid overdoses.

Since then, King developed presentations to address the subjects of substance use, addiction, harm reduction, and overdose prevention, as well as how to respond to an overdose. In the process, COPE has trained more than 10,000 people and given out over 9,000 kits across Southwest Michigan.

COPE was created after King lost her daughter, Marissa, to a heroin overdose in 2012. In the wake of her daughter's death, King used her past experiences to try and increase resources for people using substances and their families.

Today, the Kalamazoo resident is still attempting to get the word out. However, the pandemic has limited her organization's efforts as well as the nonprofit's funds.

King sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Tony Wittkowski to talk about her organization and the work that goes into it.

How long has COPE Network been active in Southwest Michigan?

We officially got started in 2016.

What can you tell me about COPE Network's creation?

I'm a parent affected by substance abuse. I lost my daughter on Jan. 15, 2012. After she died, I started looking back on those years of her addiction. Some of those missing pieces were compassion and understanding why someone would have a substance abuse disorder. That was part of my learning. Hitting rock bottom is not how it all works. What I did learn was understanding she used drugs as a coping mechanism.

My goal was to help other family members and the community to understand it in a way to create support systems. Too often you hear comments that it's a choice somebody made. They may choose to try drugs or alcohol, but they don't choose to be addicted.

When I became a recovery coach, I would ask, "So what do you like to do?" And they would say, "I don't know, drugs" – because their life had become consumed by that. I wanted to create an opportunity for people to engage their brains in a new way.

In what ways?

In Kalamazoo, there is a lot to do. But a lot of that is centered around alcohol establishments – and that's not an option for a lot of people. We did "Coffee and Canvas," for people to come in for a group setting. We added a yoga class, a

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Berrien continues steady downward COVID-19 trend

61 December deaths mark worst month of pandemic

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

New COVID-19 cases in Berrien County continue to trend downward, as hospitalizations hold steady.

The county recorded 277 new cases last week, compared to 344 the week before and 493 the week before that.

Berrien County did see a slight rise in new COVID cases this weekend over last. The county recorded 139 new cases New Year's weekend, while it recorded 76 Christmas weekend.

That could be a result of more testing being done last week, as average percent positivity has gone back up slightly over 10 percent, according to the county's COVID-19 dashboard.

December saw about 2,292 COVID cases. That's compared to 3,628 in November and 972 in October.

COVID hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland stayed in the 40s over the New Year's weekend, with 48 patients admitted Monday morning. Last Monday, the hospital reported 42 patients admitted.

Deaths and recoveries continue to bring the number of active cases in the county down.

Berrien County ended the year at 170 COVID-19 deaths and added two more on Jan. 1. December was the deadliest month of the pandemic in Berrien County, at 61 deaths.

With recoveries added in, the county stands at 1,805 active COVID-19 cases, which is down from 2,220 last Monday and 2,954 the Monday before that.

In total, since the beginning of the pandemic, Berrien County has recorded 8,886 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 6,909 recoveries, 172 deaths and 686 presumed cases. That's an additional 41 presumed cases since last Monday.

Local health officials continue to work to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine.

As of Dec. 30, Berrien County has vaccinated 5,025 people, Cass County has vaccinated 700 and Van Buren County has vaccinated 1,000, according to the state's COVID-19 vaccine dashboard.

No new school COVID-19 outbreaks were reported this week by the state. That is due to many schools being on winter break. Just three outbreaks were reported in the whole state.

Five new resident cases, 14 resident deaths and eight new staff cases were reported across all Berrien, Cass and Van Buren county long-term care facilities last week, according to the state's report on Monday. That's a decline from early December, when many new cases were being reported in multiple long-term care facilities each week.

Van Buren/Cass

New COVID-19 cases continue to slow in Cass County, but rose slightly in Van Buren County over the long weekend.

Cass County has recorded 27 new COVID-19 cases since last Wednesday. During the same number of days over the Christmas holiday, the county added 70 new cases.

Van Buren County has recorded 165 new cases since last Wednesday. During the previous long weekend, the county had added 71 new cases.

Both counties also added one additional COVID death over the five-day period, bringing Cass County's death toll to 44 and Van Buren's to 73.

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Trump, allies in desperate bid to lobby Congress

Rep. Upton not part of GOP scheme

By LISA MASCARO and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With mounting desperation, President Donald Trump called on Republican lawmakers Monday to reverse his election loss to Joe Biden when Congress convenes for a joint session this week to confirm the Electoral College vote.

Trump's unprecedented attempt to overturn the presidential election is splitting the Republican Party. Some GOP lawmakers backing Trump are rushing ahead, despite an outpouring of condemnation from current and former GOP officials warning the effort is undermining Americans' faith in democracy. All 10 living former defense secretaries wrote in an op-ed article that "the time for questioning the results has passed."

It's unclear the extent to which GOP leaders in Congress will be able to control Wednesday's joint session, which could drag into the night. Trump himself is whipping up crowds for a Wednesday rally near the White House.

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, issued a statement Monday distancing himself from the effort by some Republicans to push debunked claims of widespread voter fraud. Said Upton, "Voters – not judges or politicians – must decide elections. These objections would establish a new precedent allowing the Congress to supersede the will of the people. There have been no cases of fraud discovered that would overturn President-elect Biden's 154,000 vote victory in Michigan."

According to a consensus of election officials in the states he's disputing – as well his former Attorney General William Barr – there is no evidence of fraud that could change the election outcome. Officials who have control over elections in their states, including the Arizona and Georgia battlegrounds that Biden won, have certified those results as accurate and valid.

Of the more than 50 lawsuits the president and his allies have filed challenging results, nearly all have been dismissed or dropped. He's also lost twice at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The effort to keep Trump in office is being led by Sens. Josh Hawley of Missouri and Ted Cruz of Texas, along with rank-and-file House members, some on the party's fringe.

"Just got off the phone with @realDonaldTrump," tweeted newly elected Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, who is aligned with a conspiracy group backing Trump.

"He wants you to call your Rep & Senators TODAY, ALL DAY!" she tweeted Monday. "Don't let Republicans be the Surrender Caucus!"

Republican leaders were to confer privately to assess the days ahead, a defining period that will help shape the post-Trump era.

Both Hawley and Cruz are potential 2024 presidential contenders, vying

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State Senate leader: Mich. election investigation 'has only begun'

By CRAIG MAUGER
The Detroit News (TNS)

LANSING — The Michigan Legislature's review of the presidential election will continue "well into 2021," according to Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, with Republicans planning to examine state laws on photo identification and early processing of ballots.

The top GOP senator in a battleground state, Shirkey, R-Clarklake, listed election oversight among his highest priorities for the new year. And lawmakers are prepared to issue more subpoenas to get to the bottom of their questions, he said.

"Our list of things that we believe require review and oversight continues to grow," Shirkey told The Detroit News. "It's going to consume that committee (the Senate Oversight Committee) and frankly, the Senate, I believe, for a good part of 2021."

President-elect Joe Biden, a Democrat, won Michigan by 154,000 votes on Nov. 3, but President Donald Trump and his supporters have pushed to discredit the results. They argue – without evidence – there was widespread fraud that swung the election.

In Michigan, the complaints have focused on absentee voting policies and the way ballots were counted

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Fiat Chrysler, Peugeot shareholders approve merger

By COLLEEN BARRY and TOM KRISHER
AP Business Writers

MILAN — Shareholders of Fiat Chrysler and PSA Peugeot voted Monday to merge and create the world's fourth-largest auto company which, its architects hope, can more readily take on an enormous technological shift in the industry.

Addressing separate meetings, PSA Peugeot CEO Carlos Tavares and Fiat Chrysler Chairman John Elkann spoke of the "historic" importance of the merger, which combines car companies that helped write the industrial histories of the United States, France and Italy. Tavares will run the new company, while Elkann stays on as chairman.

The only real hurdle left to closing the deal is listing shares of the new company, to be called Stellantis. The companies expect it to be finalized Jan. 16, with shares in the combined company trading on Jan. 18 in Milan and Paris and Jan. 19 on the New York Stock Exchange. Fiat Chrysler shares were up 0.2 percent in New York on Monday at $18.13, while Peugeot rose 1.7 percent to 22.75 euros.

Fiat Chrysler announced Monday that its stockholders as of Jan. 15 will get a special cash payment worth 1.84 euros per common share after the merger closes. The payments will cost 2.9 billion euros.

The new company will have the capacity to produce 8.7 million cars a year, behind Volkswagen, Toyota and Renault-Nissan, and create 5 billion euros in annual savings.

The marriage of the Italian-American and French rivals is built on the promise of cost savings in the capital-hungry industry during a technological shift to electrified powertrains and autonomous driving. But what remains to be seen is if it will be able to preserve jobs and heritage brands in a global market still suffering from the pandemic.

"Together we will be stronger than individually," Tavares told a virtual gathering of shareholders. "The two companies are in good health. These two companies have strong positions in their markets."

The new company will put together French mass-market carmakers Peugeot and Citroen, top-selling Jeep, and Italian luxury and sports brands Maserati and Alfa Romeo – pooling brands with histories spanning from 75 to over 120 years with strong emotional pull in their home markets.

"We are living through a profound era of change in our industry," said Elkann, heir to the Fiat-founding Agnelli family and Fiat Chrysler's biggest shareholder. "We believe that the coming decade will redefine mobility as we know it."

While the tie-up is billed as a merger of equals, the power advantage goes to PSA, with Tavares running Stellantis and holding the tie-breaking vote on the 11-seat board. Tavares is set to take control of the company early this year, possibly by the end of January.

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Michigan
Poker Lotto
4C-8C-10C-3D-2H
Midday Daily 3
5-7-8
Midday Daily 4
3-4-2-1
Daily 3
9-4-3
Daily 4
3-0-4-5
Fantasy 5
01-06-10-21-25
Keno
02-13-15-16-21-23-24-30-33-34-41-42-44-45-58-59-60-61-69-72-73-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$432 million

Powerball jackpot
$410 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
11-18-23-28-37
Cash4Life
10-15-21-25-30, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
10-13-16-27-29-31-32-33-35-36-40-43-48-49-50-59-62-69-71-75, BE: 36
Daily Three-Midday
6-3-9, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
7-2-0, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
6-0-2-2, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
0-3-0-5, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
07-10-11-18-25-27-32-37-38-49-53-58-61-67-69-70-72-74-76-80, BE: 11

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-09-20-21-31
Pick Three-Midday
9-1-8, Fireball: 5
Pick Three-Evening
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Pick Four-Evening
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Chief nurse Sam Foster holds a vial of the Oxford University / AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, England, on Monday.

Vaccination drive enters new phase in U.S. and Britain

By EUGENE GARCIA and DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

The first Americans inoculated against COVID-19 began rolling up their sleeves for their second and final dose Monday, while Britain introduced another vaccine on the same day it imposed a new nationwide lockdown against the rapidly surging virus.

New York State, meanwhile, announced its first known case of the new and seemingly more contagious variant, detected in a man in his 60s in Saratoga Springs. Colorado, California and Florida previously reported infections involving the mutant version that has been circulating in England.

The emergence of the variant has added even more urgency to the worldwide race to vaccinate people against the scourge.

In Southern California, intensive care nurse Helen Cordova got her second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center along with other doctors and nurses, who bared their arms the prescribed three weeks after they received their first shot. The second round of shots began in various locations around the country as the U.S. death toll surpassed 352,000.

"I'm really excited because that means I'm just that much closer to having the immunity and being a little safer when I come to work and, you know, just being around my family," Cordova said.

Over the weekend, U.S. government officials reported that vaccinations had accelerated significantly. As of Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said nearly 4.6 million shots had been dispensed in the U.S., after a slow and uneven start to the campaign, marked by confusion, logistical hurdles and a patchwork of approaches by state and local authorities.

Britain, meanwhile, became the first nation to start using the COVID-19 vaccine developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University, ramping up its nationwide inoculation campaign amid soaring infection rates blamed on the new variant. Britain's vaccination program began Dec. 8 with the shot developed by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech.

Brian Pinker, an 82-year-old dialysis patient, received the first Oxford-AstraZeneca shot at Oxford University Hospital, saying in a statement: "I can now really look forward to celebrating my 48th wedding anniversary."

The rollout came the same day Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced a new lockdown for England until at least mid-February. Britain has recorded more than 50,000 new coronavirus infections a day over the past six days, and deaths have climbed past 75,000, one of the worst tolls in Europe.

Schools and colleges will generally be closed for face-to-face instruction. Nonessential stores and services like hairdressers will be shut down, and restaurants can offer only takeout.

"As I speak to you tonight, our hospitals are under more pressure from COVID than at any time since the start of the pandemic," Johnson said.

Elsewhere around the world, France and other parts of Europe have come under fire over slow vaccine rollouts and delays.

France's cautious approach appears to have backfired, leaving just a few hundred people vaccinated after the first week and rekindling anger over the government's handling of the pandemic. The slow rollout has been blamed on mismanagement, staffing shortages over the holidays and a complex consent policy designed to accommodate vaccine skepticism among the French.

"It's a state scandal," Jean Rottner, president of the Grand-Est region of eastern France, said on France-2 television. "Getting vaccinated is becoming more complicated than buying a car."

Health Minister Olivier Veran promised that by the end of Monday, several thousand people would be vaccinated, with the tempo picking up through the week. But that would still leave France well behind its neighbors.

French media broadcast charts comparing vaccine figures in various countries: In France, a nation of 67 million people, just 516 people were vaccinated in the first six days, according to the French Health Ministry. Germany's first-week total surpassed 200,000, and Italy's was over 100,000. Millions have been vaccinated in the U.S. and China.

The European Union likewise faced growing criticism about the slow rollout of COVID-19 shots across the 27-nation bloc of 450 million inhabitants. EU Commission spokesman Eric Mamer said the main problem "is an issue of production capacity, an issue that everybody is facing."

The EU has sealed six vaccine contracts with a variety of manufacturers. But only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been approved for use so far across the EU. The EU's drug regulators are expected to decide on Wednesday whether to recommend authorizing the Moderna vaccine.

In the U.S., Dr. Mysheika Roberts, health commissioner in Columbus, Ohio, said demand has been lower than expected among the people given top priority for the vaccine. For example, the city's 2,000 emergency medical workers are all eligible, but the health department has vaccinated only 850 of them.

She said some people were hesitant to get the vaccine and wanted to see how others handled it. The vaccine also arrived the week of Christmas, and a lot of people were on vacation and didn't want to be bothered during the holiday, she said.

"I think we all assumed that people would want this vaccine so badly, that when it became available, people would just come get it," Roberts said.

Roberts noted there has been no effective mass marketing campaign explaining why people should get vaccinated.

"From the president on down, so many people have been touting the fact that we're going to have a vaccine and get this vaccine out. But so many of those same people who were talking about it now have gone silent," she said. "That could help if those same people would be more vocal about it."

Elsewhere around the globe, Israel appears to be among the world leaders in the vaccination campaign, inoculating over 1 million people, or roughly 12 percent of its population, in just over two weeks. The effort has been boosted by a high-quality, centralized health system and the country's small size and concentrated population.

On Sunday, India, the world's second-most populous country, authorized its first two COVID-19 vaccines – the Oxford-AstraZeneca one and another developed by an Indian company. The move paves the way for a huge inoculation program in the desperately poor nation of 1.4 billion people.

India has confirmed more than 10.3 million cases of the virus, second in the world behind the U.S. It also has reported about 150,000 deaths.

Survey: Divided U.S., not COVID-19, is the biggest risk to world in 2021

By ALEXANDRA VEROUDE
Bloomberg News (TNS)

With the global economy still in the teeth of the COVID-19 crisis, the Eurasia Group sees a divided U.S. as a key risk this year for a world lacking leadership.

"In decades past, the world would look to the U.S. to restore predictability in times of crisis. But the world's preeminent superpower faces big challenges of its own," said Eurasia Group President Ian Bremmer and Chairman Cliff Kupchan in a report on the top risks for 2021.

Starting with the difficulties facing the administration of President-elect Joe Biden in a divided U.S., the report flags 10 geopolitical, climate and individual country risks that could derail the global economic recovery. An extended COVID-19 impact and K-shaped recoveries in both developed and emerging economies is the second biggest risk factor cited in the report.

Biden will have difficulty gaining new confidence in U.S. global leadership as he struggles to manage domestic crises, the report said. With a large segment of the U.S. casting doubt over his legitimacy, the political effectiveness and longevity of his "asterisk presidency," the future of the Republican Party, and the very legitimacy of the U.S. political model are all in question, it added.

"A superpower torn down the middle cannot return to business as usual. And when the most powerful country is so divided, everybody has a problem," said Bremmer and Kupchan.

The report lists the following as top risks in 2021:

The report warns that the pandemic and its broad impact will not vanish once vaccination becomes widespread. Uneven recoveries, variance in vaccine access and stimulus plans that fall short will push up debt levels, leave workers displaced and fuel opposition toward incumbent leaders.

For the U.S., this will increase the polarization that fed support for Donald Trump. For emerging economies, the debt crunch could lead to financial troubles, the report said.

Some concerns are more likely to be "red herring" risks that have been overplayed, the report adds. These include relations between Biden and "Trump's fellow travelers" such as Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, the U.K.'s Boris Johnson and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu. The Biden administration will engage on shared interests and leaders will adapt to the new status quo, the report says.

Fears over a global backlash against U.S. big tech and an Iran-U.S. confrontation are also seen as lower risks.

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SJ Township Board OKs police contract

Action again delayed on request for buoys

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Township Board on Monday gave police officers a 3 percent pay hike for each of the next few years by approving a 2021-2024 contract.

The 2021-2024 contract had previously been ratified by the police union.

This year, the starting pay for a new officer will be $28.23 per hour, up from $27.41 per hour. Taking into account step increases, the pay for an officer with three or more years of service will be $30.85 per hour this year, climbing to $38.02 per hour the final year of the pact.

Other changes in the contract are in the areas of union membership, paid sick leave and insurance premiums.

In another matter Monday, the board again delayed formal action on a request to place buoys in a section of the St. Joseph River to remind boaters to slow down when traveling near the shoreline.

Late last year, the board received a request from Mark Armstrong on behalf of the Riverside Pointe Condo Association to place five no-wake buoys in designated areas 75 feet from the St. Joseph River shoreline. The request came from homeowners in the area from 2100 to 2375 River Point Drive and 2545-2535 Bayview. They said they are experiencing erosion and washout on the shoreline from boaters traveling too fast close to the shoreline, producing a strong wake. Armstrong said more than half of the property owners had to make expensive seawall repairs in 2020.

He said the homeowners were not looking to make a new law, but simply raise awareness of current Michigan Marine Law & Boater Safety rules, specifically the rule regarding slow and no-wake speeds.

A public hearing on the request was held Dec. 7, and the township board expressed support, but delayed formal action to clarify in writing who would pay for placement and maintenance of buoys and signs. Armstrong said the homeowner's association had agreed to bear the cost, but the board wanted that in writing.

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Officials again delayed action on a request by homeowners seeking more buoys for a section of the St. Joseph River near Riverside Pointe Drive in St. Joseph Township.

The request was for the board to forward the proposal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which has final say.

Township Manager Denise Cook updated the board Monday during its noon workshop meeting. She said she has since learned that buoys can only be placed in an area previously designated as a no-wake zone by the municipality, and a permit is required. She said the DNR does not issue permits for "informational" buoys. The board would need to hold another public hearing before specifically designating a slow/no-wake zone.

Cook said she has contacted the homeowner's association to see whether they still want to proceed and has not yet received a clear answer.

"If the association wants to move forward the board will need to approve or deny scheduling a public hearing to discuss designating a slow/no-wake zone for the placement of buoys," she told the board.

The board agreed to delay a decision until its February meeting.

"I would like to see us support the residents there," Trustee Ron Griffin said. "They're putting up with property damage. I think we should support them whichever path they would like to take."

Clerk Patrice Rose said as a former boater, "I'm not in support of over-regulating the waterways. I don't think that's the thing to do."

Trustee Ed Meny said the proposal would still be subject to a public hearing by the DNR.

"We're just giving our moral support, and letting them work it out," he said.

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BENTON HARBOR

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Tackle Haven, at 741 Riverview Drive in Benton Harbor, has received city approval to expand to allow for more storage space.

Tackle Haven gets city approval to expand

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners approved allowing Tackle Haven to expand on its property to allow for more storage space.

The approval was made after the city's Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, which was held Monday after the regular city commission meeting.

Commissioners sit on both bodies.

Nate Schuman, one of the owners, said the expansion will not go beyond the fence that is on the property.

He said he opened the business at 741 Riverview Drive in 1985 after operating it for one year in South Haven.

"My three boys are working in the business right now," he said. "We have no plans of going anywhere else."

Attorney Rick Racht said notification was sent to all of the area property owners, and no one objected to the expansion. He said the property is zoned light industrial.

City Manager Ellis Mitchell said none of his staff has any objections to the expansion.

Tackle Haven is located at the corner of Riverview Drive and Gray Street. The business was approved to expand from the north of Gray Street and east of the property driveway. The existing building, where boats are stored, is 15,400 square feet.

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Book club to focus on 'Other Side of the River'

Virtual club will occur over four Saturdays

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

"People have been kneeling on (Black) people's necks for the longest time. It's not just physically on their necks, but it's in their place of employment. It's in the health care system. It's in the criminal justice system."

TRENTON BOWENS

BENTON HARBOR — It's time to take down the racial barriers between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

That's what community organizer Trenton Bowens said when announcing a virtual book club that will look at "The Other Side of the River" by Alex Kotlowitz. The club first meets this Saturday and will continue for four weeks.

The book, first published in 1998, examines St. Joseph and Benton Harbor as a metaphor for racism in America. Bowens said that the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers in May 2020 shows that racism still exists. In fact, Bowen contends it has gotten worse.

"People have been kneeling on (Black) people's necks for the longest time," he said. "It's not just physically on their necks, but it's in their place of employment. It's in the health care system. It's in the criminal justice system."

He said that millions of dollars in public aid have poured into Benton Harbor and yet, the city still doesn't have a grocery store or a pharmacy within its borders.

The book club is being sponsored by the nonprofit Neighbors Organizing Against Racism, which Bowens founded in 2020 after the national outcry from Floyd's death.

A link on how to sign up for the free virtual event is on the Facebook page of Neighbors Organizing Against Racism. People can also register by calling Bowens at 861-2861.

Bowens said his organization's theme last year was "Stronger Together." This year, he said the theme is "Let's Build Bridges, not Barriers."

Bail fund

Another program his organization is working on is creating a bail fund to help people pay bail if they can't afford it at the Berrien County Courthouse.

Currently, people charged with crimes who can't afford bail have to wait in jail for their court date, which sometimes takes months. Even if charges are later dropped or the people aren't found guilty, they still have spent time lingering in jail.

Meanwhile, Bowens said people often lose jobs because they can't work, and their housing because they can't make money to pay the rent.

After their bail is paid for from the bail fund, he said they are free to continue their lives until the court date, which restores the presumption of innocence. And after the person appears in court, the bail is repaid to the fund to help someone else.

Bowens said he knows of people who have been stuck in jail for weeks over being unable to pay child support.

"We still have a lot of work to do," he said.

Bowens said his organization is also talking to area libraries about setting up social justice displays and having more books available to educate people about racism in America.

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United Way awarded $77,000 for food, shelter programs

Deadline to apply for funds is Jan. 20

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — The United Way of Southwest Michigan has been awarded $77,301 to distribute to area emergency food and shelter programs this year.

Those interested in applying for some of these funds for Phase 38 of the Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP/FEMA) can submit requests for funding to the United Way no later than 5 p.m. Jan. 20.

A local board of community members and the United Way will determine, based on current need of the communities, how the funds are awarded and distributed.

Under the terms of the previous grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter (FEMA) National Board, local governmental or private voluntary organizations chosen to receive funds must:

- Be a nonprofit organization;
- Have a formal accounting system and conduct an annual audit;
- Practice nondiscrimination;
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food, emergency financial assistance and/or shelter programs;
- Maintain a minimum number of weekly hours with a staff person or a volunteer;
- Have a voluntary Board if a private voluntary organization;
- Use funds on an ongoing basis to supplement and extend food and shelter services, not as substitute for other program funds or to start a new program;
- Must maintain detailed records and documentation of program expenses if awarded an allocation. Also, it is preferable that applying organizations have an automated tracking system to monitor client use;
- Be able to certify that they are not debarred or suspended from receiving federal funds.

Funding is based upon 12-month unemployment rates, the total number of unemployed, number of individuals below the poverty level, and the total population of Berrien County. The National Board will issue grants to local organizations that are recommended for funding by the local board.

For more information and an application, visit www.uwsm.org/efsp.

Michael Holahan / The Augusta Chronicle via AP

Kelly Loeffler campaigns at Augusta Regional Airport in Augusta, Ga., on Monday. Republicans Loeffler and David Perdue are being challenged by Democrats Jon Ossoff and Rafael Warnock in a runoff election on Jan. 5.

Biden, Trump warn of high stakes of Georgia Senate runoffs

By BILL BARROW, WILL WEISSERT and JEFF AMY
Associated Press

ATLANTA, Ga. — President-elect Joe Biden on Monday told Georgia Democrats they had the power to "chart the course" for a generation as President Donald Trump rehashed old grievances over his November loss in final pleas ahead of runoff elections that will determine control of the U.S. Senate.

Trump made his final-hours pitch to voters at a nighttime rally in north Georgia, where Republicans were banking on strong voter turnout on Tuesday to reelect Sen. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue and hold control of the chamber.

Biden campaigned with Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock in Atlanta, hoping he could recreate the coalition that secured him a narrow victory in the presidential race in November.

"Folks, this is it. This is it. It's a new year, and tomorrow can be a new day for Atlanta, for Georgia and for America," Biden said at a drive-in rally. "Unlike any time in my career, one state – one state – can chart the course, not just for the four years but for the next generation."

The stakes have drawn hundreds of millions of dollars in campaign spending to a once solidly Republican state that now finds itself as the nation's premier battleground. Biden won Georgia's 16 electoral votes by about 12,000 votes out of 5 million cast in November, though Trump continues pushing false assertions of widespread fraud that even his now-former attorney general and Georgia's Republican secretary of state – along with a litany of state and federal judges – have said did not happen.

The president's trip Monday comes a day after disclosure of a remarkable telephone call he made to the Georgia secretary of state over the weekend. Trump pressured Republican Brad Raffensperger to "find" enough votes to overturn Georgia's election results ahead of Wednesday's joint session of Congress that will certify Biden's Electoral College victory. The call highlighted how Trump has used the Georgia campaign to make clear his continued hold on Republican politics.

Angry after the Raffensperger call, Trump floated the idea of pulling out of the rally but was persuaded to go ahead with it so he will have a chance to reiterate his claims of election fraud. Republicans are wary as to whether Trump will focus only on himself and fail to promote the two GOP candidates.

Trump, at a rally in Dalton, Georgia, again pressed false claims that the November election was "rigged" and urged Republicans to "swamp" the polls Tuesday.

"The Democrats are trying to steal the White House, you cannot let them," Trump said. "You just can't let them steal the U.S. Senate, you can't let it happen."

Biden on Monday took aim at Trump's scheme by declaring that "politicians cannot assert, take or seize power" by undermining legitimate elections.

Biden said he needs a Senate majority to pass legislation to combat the coronavirus, and he blasted Perdue and Loeffler as obstructionist Trump loyalists. Loeffler says she will join other Republican lawmakers in objecting to the Electoral College certification of Biden's victory by Congress on Wednesday.

"You have two senators who think they've sworn an oath to Donald Trump, not the United States Constitution," Biden said.

Earlier Monday, Vice President Mike Pence told a crowd of conservative Christian voters at a rally in Milner, Georgia, to stop a Democratic takeover in Washington. "We're going to keep Georgia, and we're going to save America," Pence said at Rock Springs Church in Milner.

Perdue addressed the church crowd by telephone while quarantining over coronavirus exposure, claiming that "the very future of our republic is on the line" and declaring the duty to vote "a calling from God."

Republicans need just one victory to maintain Senate control and force Biden to contend with divided government. Democrats need a sweep for a 50-50 split, giving the tiebreaking vote to Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, who will succeed Pence as the Senate's presiding officer. That would give Democrats a Senate majority to go along with their control of the House and executive branch.

Pence, who will preside over Wednesday's congressional joint session, sidestepped Trump's denials Monday until a man yelled out that he must "do the right thing on Jan. 6." Pence promised that "we'll have our day in Congress," though he offered no details about what that might mean. Scores of Republicans in Congress have pledged to protest the Electoral College count, but Pence has no legal authority to override Biden's win.

Biden largely mum on Trump's effort to reverse election

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

Carolyn Kaster / AP

President-elect Joe Biden arrives at at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Monday, in Atlanta, en route to campaign for Georgia Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate, Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff.

WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden is mostly steering clear of the controversy engulfing President Donald Trump's final days in office, aiming to project the different approach to governing Americans can expect when he moves into the White House on Jan. 20.

Biden and his team have offered a muted response to Trump's efforts to overturn the election, which reached a new level this past weekend when he pressured Georgia's Republican secretary of state to "find" enough votes to flip the state in his favor.

While some Democrats say Trump's actions merit new impeachment proceedings, Biden has been more circumspect. He didn't address the matter directly during his visit to Georgia Monday afternoon where he campaigned for two Democratic Senate candidates, only hinting at Trump's efforts to reverse the result of the election by joking, "I don't know why he still wants the job – he doesn't want to do the work."

Biden later spoke broadly about Democrats' "opposition friends" realizing that "power flows from the people."

"Politicians cannot assert, take or seize power. Power is granted by the American people alone," he said.

His comments followed a brief written statement from senior adviser Bob Bauer this weekend decrying Trump's "assault on American democracy."

The low-key approach is in keeping with Biden's overall strategy to focus on preparing to assume the presidency even as Trump goes to ever-greater lengths to sow doubt about the election results. The relatively muted response reflects an effort to reassure Americans that Biden will take a starkly different approach to leading during a time of historic turmoil over the coronavirus pandemic and the economy.

"The country is ready to move forward, and President-elect Biden is going to remain focused on the work ahead of us in completing a successful transition and putting together an administration that will get this virus under control and build our economy back better," said Biden adviser Kate Bedingfield.

Biden's aides believe Americans outside Washington want to hear more about how the Biden presidency will help them and less about the partisan squabbling that has characterized the past four years of Trump's presidency.

So while Biden has chosen his moments to weigh in on Trump's attacks on the election results – he delivered a speech denouncing Trump's actions after the Electoral College certified his win in mid-December – he's largely focused on his Cabinet nominees and fleshing out his response to the pandemic.

And while some Democrats on Capitol Hill have raised the prospect of impeachment, Democratic leadership has emphasized that the party's focus is on Biden's agenda rather than on Trump's malfeasance.

The strategy is informed by the reality that Trump's complaints have been repeatedly rebuffed by members of his own party and administration and are running out of oxygen as Biden's inauguration draws near.

There was no widespread fraud in the election, which a range of election officials across the country, as well as Trump's former attorney general, William Barr, has confirmed. Republican governors in Arizona and Georgia, key battleground states crucial to Biden's victory, have vouched for the integrity of the elections in their states. Nearly all the legal challenges from Trump and his allies have been dismissed by judges, including two tossed by the Supreme Court, where three Trump-nominated justices preside.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Orange veggies
5 Chi follower
8 Cab driver
12 Portent
13 Rapper Tone —
14 Siberian river
15 Additional
16 Pithy saying
18 Complain
20 Verbal abuse
21 Alphabet ender
22 Did lunch
23 Carried on
26 Formerly (2 wds.)
29 Northern Iraqi
30 Comparable
31 Kiel conjunction
33 Mexican Mrs.
34 Porter and stout
35 Dull colour
36 Passes a bill
38 Fidgety
39 Guanabara Bay port
40 — Tome
41 Drescher or Tarkenton
43 Spotted wildcat
46 Parking lot picnic
48 Play award
50 Foundation beam
51 Triumph
52 Missing
53 Carnivore's quarry
54 Wind dir.
55 Four quarters

DOWN
1 — Kippur
2 Out of control
3 Name in game shows
4 Reacted to pepper
5 "The Good —"
6 Second-year student
7 Fritz, to himself
8 Tossed
9 Soprano's rendition
10 Hogshead
11 SAS competitor
17 Regularly
19 Mr. Danson
22 Defects and all (2 wds.)
23 Yr. parts
24 Subtle glow
25 Mortarboard wearer
26 Luau strings
27 Swing around
28 Singles
30 Low voice
32 Salon application
34 Mimicking
35 An earth science
37 By word of mouth
38 — kwon do
40 Panorama
41 Livestock show
42 Annoy
43 Elevator guy
44 Clarinet kin
45 "Private Dancer" singer
46 Recipe amt.
47 Impress deeply
49 Poet's always

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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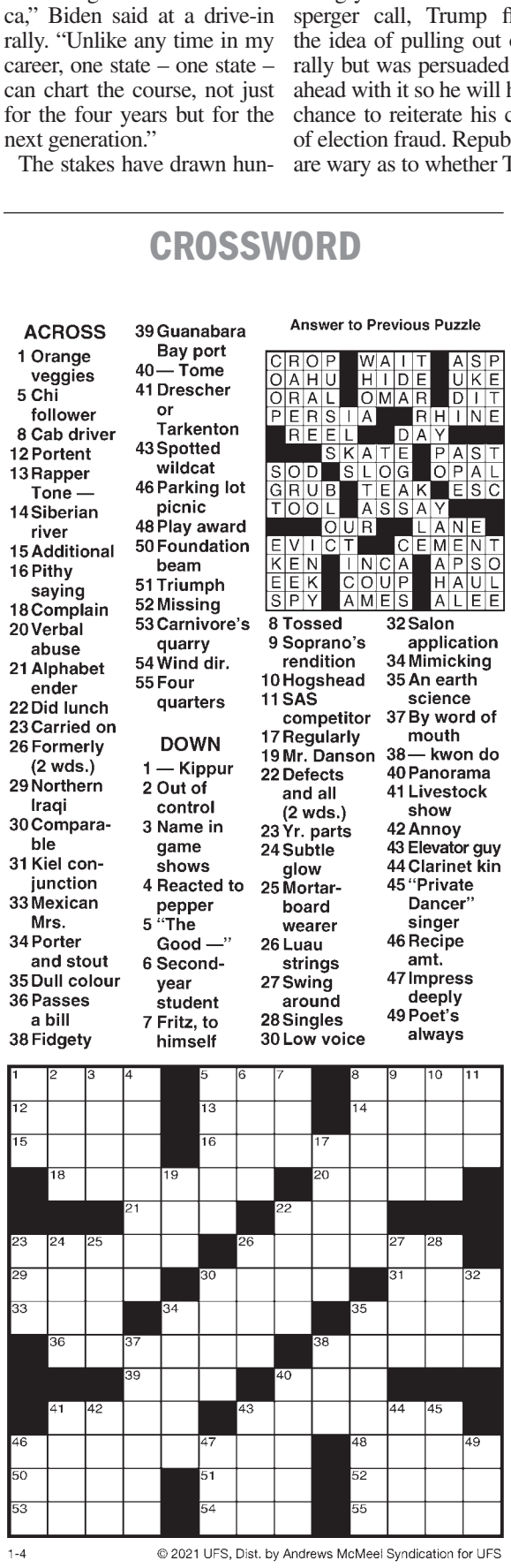

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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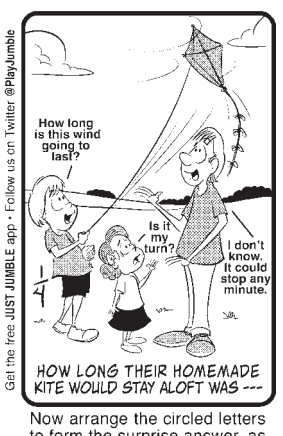
CIYPK

GAHUCT

RLETEN


How long is this wind going to last?
Is it my turn?
I don't know. It could stop any minute.
HOW LONG THEIR HOMEMADE KITE WOULD STAY ALOFT WAS ---

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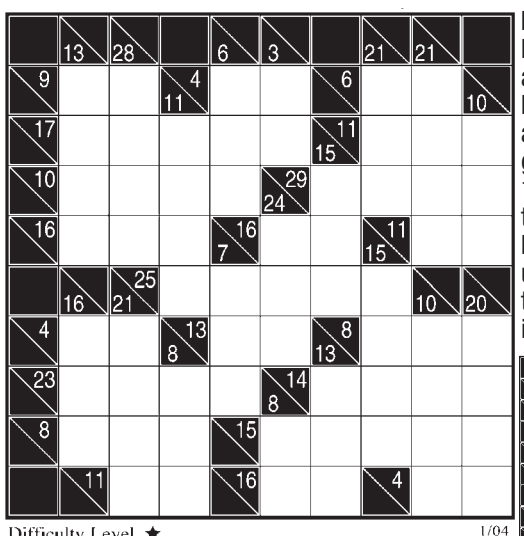
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

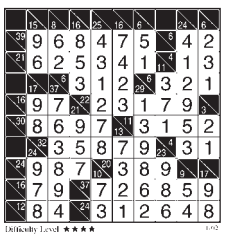
Saturday's Jumbles: PRONE PHONY GENIUS JABBER
Answer: When they spotted the alligator on the golf course, it caused — APPREHENSION

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 1/04

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Not only have many of us been playing more bridge than usual, but also it has mostly been at Bridge Base Online. What do you gain from these games?

They allow you to stretch your brain, iron out kinks in your partnership bidding and signaling methods, and occasionally throw up instructive points. This week, let's look at deals in which I was involved.

What do you think of the bidding? How would you play in three no-trump after West leads a fourth-highest club seven: heart five, club queen, ace?

South really ought to pass over three diamonds. Even though partner has a textbook preempt, game is theoretically impossible. At BBO, though, eight out of 13 Souths did shoot out three no-trump, four passed, and one jumped to five diamonds. Seven of those in three no-trump took their eight winners and conceded down one.

The last player – guess who! – decided that it was worth the risk of extra undertricks to hope for a misdefense. I led the diamond king and, when West followed suit, I overtook with dummy's ace. Then I played a low spade.

Luckily, I had an opponent who is a signed-up member of the second hand low club. He let me sneak a spade to my king and nine tricks in all.

Afterward, I wondered if I should have risked a 4-0 diamond break by first playing my low diamond to dummy's jack, to avoid advertising my king. But when declarer seems to be trying to sneak a ninth trick, don't let him. Here, if East had won the first spade, I could have gone down four!

North 01-04-21
♠ J 8 2
♥ 7 6 5
♦ A Q J 9 8 6 5
♣ —

West
♠ 9 6 5 4
♥ K 10
♦ 7
♣ K J 9 7 6 2

East
♠ A 10 3
♥ A 9 8 3
♦ 10 3 2
♣ Q 5 4

South
♠ K Q 7
♥ Q J 4 2
♦ K 4
♣ A 10 8 3

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

3		1		9	4	5	2	8
8				3			4	7
			7	5		3	9	
			5		2		8	
5				1				4
	2		8		6			
	3	2		8	9			
1	5			2				9
9	4	8	3	6		1		2

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	8	3	5	4	1	9	6	7
5	4	6	7	9	8	3	1	2
7	9	1	3	6	2	8	5	4
4	2	9	1	5	6	7	8	3
6	7	5	2	8	3	1	4	9
3	1	8	4	7	9	5	2	6
1	6	4	8	3	7	2	9	5
9	3	2	6	1	5	4	7	8
8	5	7	9	2	4	6	3	1

OBITUARIES

Janice Martin

Janice was such a kind and loving woman and she loved her husband, (who called her Angel), and her family with all her heart. Her children and grandchildren were such a blessing to her. She touched so many lives by being just the wonderful testimony that she was and servant of the Lord.

Music was such a big part of her life. She was a very talented singer and musician. She started playing the piano at a young age. She used her musical talents to serve the Lord and shine a light to all who heard her. The Heavenly Father opened his arms wide to greet her on Jan. 2, 2021. She is now in his presence and with all her loved ones gone on before her. What a great union.

Surviving are her children: Christopher (Tanya) Martin, Patrick (Lisa) O'Brien; daughter-in-law, Cindy Martin; sister, Naomi (Bruce) Williams; brothers: Robert Glenn (Jilan) Hester, Roy Don (Tina) Hester, Nathan (Linda) Hester; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David L. Martin; sons: Jeff Malarney and Kraig Martin; and grandson, Andrew Martin.

The family will meet friends Thursday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. until time of funeral services at 11 a.m. at the Merson Church, 3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI 49055.

Memorial donations may be directed to the family to assist with expenses. Interment will follow in Hudson Corners Cemetery, Allegan Township. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Charles J. LaSata

Oct. 25, 1922 – Jan. 1, 2021

Charles Joseph LaSata, 98, of Niles, husband, father, grandfather, veteran and lawyer for all, died peacefully at home Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, with his wife Julia, and three children gathered at his side.

His family is grateful for the kind and compassionate care provided by "The Ladies" and by the staff of Caring Circle of Lakeland.

He was born Oct. 25, 1922, in Scranton, Pa., to Karol and Magdalene (Jacevicius) LaSata.

He graduated from Scranton Technical High School. Like his two brothers, he volunteered to serve in World War II, entering the U.S. Navy. He was stationed on the USS Burke, escorting convoys across the North Sea. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University, where he was a star baseball pitcher. He then earned his law degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. After gaining admission to the District of Columbia bar, he worked for the U.S. government in Philadelphia, handling contracts and munitions procurement for the Korean War effort. He was transferred to South Bend, Ind., in the mid-1950s to oversee government contracts and munitions at Bendix Corp.

There, he met Julia Durm, who was a nurse at a local hospital. They married at St. Mary Church in Niles on June 3, 1961, and enjoyed more than 60 years together.

He later became director of Legal Aid in South Bend. In 1966, Charlie was appointed by Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelly as a special assistant attorney general, and served in that position until 1981.

Charlie was a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Niles, and the Father Allouez Council 708, Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the District of Columbia Bar, Indiana State Bar, Michigan State Bar, and Berrien County Bar Association.

He enjoyed vegetable gardening in the backyard, summers at the family cabin near St. Ignace, Mich., 48 years of winters on Sanibel Island, Fla., and annual deer hunting trips with friends, near Seney, in the Upper Peninsula. His greatest joy was his family.

He was sadly preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Karol LaSata; and by his parents, Karol and Magdalene LaSata, both of Scranton; his brothers, Joseph LaSata of Hartford, Conn., and John LaSata of Scranton; and his sisters, Nellie Sobol, Ann Gargan and Mary Janosy, all of Scranton.

Surviving family includes his wife, Julia LaSata; and their children, Charlie (Kim) LaSata of Benton Harbor, Laura (Dan) O'Neill of Chicago, and Mary (Jim) Spiegel of Benton Harbor; grandchildren, Sarah, Anna, Chas and Claire LaSata, Tim, John, Robert and Annie O'Neill, and Julia and Eileen Spiegel; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial for Charles LaSata will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 207 S. Lincoln St., Niles, by the Rev. Christian Johnston, assisted by Deacon Roger Gregorski. Committal rites will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Niles, and will conclude with full military honors by the U.S. Navy Honor Guard and American Legion Post 51 of Buchanan.

Attendance will be limited, masks required and social distancing practiced. Others may witness the events via the livestreamed broadcast on the Halbritter-Wickens Facebook page: www.facebook.com/halbritterwickensfuneralservices.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's altar in St. Mary with recitation of the Rosary at 5:30 p.m. Attendance will be limited, masks required and social distancing practiced.

Contributions in memory of Charlie may be made to the St. Mary Parish Christian Service Center, 219 S. State St., Niles, MI 49120, stmarysniles.org; or to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085, www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/caring-circle/programs/hospice-at-home-cares.

Arrangements were made at Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, 615 E. Main St., Niles.

Online condolences can be left at www.halbritterwickens.com.

Charles' parents arrived in the United States from Lithuania, and worked hard for their successes. He remembered that, and was always ready to serve his struggling friends as well as everyone else, striving "to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with his God," a standard which he was proud to pass on to his children and grandchildren.

Ruth Ann Everett

July 31, 1937 – Jan. 3, 2021

Ruth Ann Everett, 83, of Keeler Township passed away Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph.

Ruth was born July 31, 1937, in Paw Paw, the daughter of Harold and Dorothy Drake, both of whom precede her in passing. Also preceding her in passing were a daughter, Julie Ann Everett-Nyoncesa; two brothers; and one sister.

Ruth was formerly employed at Larry Schone Bookkeeping, Jessup Door as a secretary, and as a waitress at the Keeler Café. In her spare time, she loved bowling, was an avid reader, and enjoyed playing cards, especially with her friends on Wednesday nights.

Ruth married Billy Everett on April 18, 1959, and he survives, along with two sons: Steven A. (Sharon) Everett of Mountain View, Calif., and Timothy Wayne (Sandra) Everett of San Jose, Calif.; a son-in-law, Patrick Nyoncesa of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and a special friend, Sharon Bassett.

The family will hold a graveside service to honor Ruth's memory at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Keeler Cemetery, with Pastor Lonnie Truelove officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ruth's name may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Death notices

Ruth Ann Everett, 83, of Keeler Township died Jan. 3, 2021. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Rev. Raymond Fulbright, 70, of Niles died Jan. 3, 2021, at Memorial Hospital. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Gretchen Koch, 88, of Stevensville died Dec. 31, 2020. Starks and Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marvin Koch, 88, of Stevensville died Jan. 1, 2021. Starks and Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Charles J. LaSata, 98, of Niles died Jan. 1, 2021. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Janice Martin, 72, of Bloomingdale died Jan. 2, 2021. Bloomingdale Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bloomingdale, 521-3121.

Vincent Paul Megna Jr., 73, of Hartford died January 3, 2021, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Odessia (Farrow) Moss, 92, of Buchanan died Dec. 31, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Jason Shadle, 31, of Niles died Jan. 2, 2021, at home. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

Jack F. Smith, 70, Buchanan died Dec. 31, 2020. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Marvin Koch and Gretchen Koch

Gretchen Lois Koch (Korn) was born March 13, 1932, in Burlington, Wis., to Theodore and Edna (Potratz) Korn. She was baptized as a child of God and confirmed her Christian faith at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burlington. She graduated from Burlington High School in 1950 and went on to the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee to study music education.

Marvin Harold Koch was born July 1, 1932, in Town of Lake (Milwaukee), Wis., to Frederick and Lillian (Vogt) Koch. He was baptized as a child of God at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and confirmed his Christian faith at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, both in Milwaukee. He graduated from Bay View High School, Milwaukee, in 1950 and went on to the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee to study music education.

Gretchen and Marvin met while at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, where they both obtained their bachelor's degrees in music education. Marvin then served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. The two joined in Holy Matrimony on June 30, 1956, in Kaiserslautern, Germany. From this union, they were blessed with three sons: Martin Paul, Marcus Fredric and David Theodore.

Music embodied their professional and personal lives and both became expert music educators and performers. This led them both to advanced degrees, with Marvin earning a master's and PhD and Gretchen a master's, all from Northwestern University. Marvin taught instrumental band and choir at Racine Lutheran and Lakeside Lutheran High Schools in Wisconsin, Concordia College and Naperville Public Schools in Illinois. He also directed the Chicago Area Lutheran Festival Chorus and the Arlington Heights Community Concert Band in Illinois. Gretchen was a piano instructor at Northwestern University and at Evanston High School. She also served many years as church organist and accompanist. They spent the entirety of their lives focused on their Christian faith, their family and their music. Additionally, they had the opportunity to travel extensively.

They were married 64.5 years when Gretchen entered eternal glory on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, immediately followed by Marvin, who joined her on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

They are preceded in death by their parents; their son, Marty; Marvin's sisters: Carol Davidson and Dorothy Kraklow; and Gretchen's brother, Robert Korn; and sister, Arlene Hoganson.

They are survived by their daughter-in-law, Barbara Koch; sons: Marcus (Denise) Koch and David (Elizabeth) Koch; nine grandchildren: Amanda Koch, Jonathan Koch, Marek Koch, Travis Gilbert (Bree), Kayleigh Cordes (Joel), Jeremiah Koch (Mallory), Austin Koch (Nicole), Quinna Killberg (Colin) and Abigayle Koch; nine great-grandchildren: Bronson, Landon, Lorelei, Dane, Evan, Anderson, Brooklyn, Ryan and Grayson; Marvin's brother, James Koch; and sisters: Jane Krueger and Ellen Kuschel.

A celebration of eternal life will be Saturday, Jan. 9, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, with visitation at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., and burial to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Michigan, or WELS Lutherans for Life in West Allis, Wisconsin. Those wishing to sign the Koch's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Zusammen für immer mit Gott!

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Nakyilah Perry, 3:05 p.m. Dec. 28.

Bridgman – Girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, Katherine and Matthew Yeskkie, 1:59 a.m. Dec. 31.

Coloma – Boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, Kimberly McMahan and Bobby Lee Blagg Jr., 8:19 a.m. Dec. 28.

Dowagiac – Boy, 5 pounds, 13.6 ounces, Jessica and Jose Medrano, 6:48 p.m. Dec. 29.

Dowagiac – Girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, Casandra Zavala and Jesus Sanchez, 11:57 p.m. Dec. 28.

Hartford – Boy, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Melissa Nelson and Richard Meachum, 7:20 a.m. Jan. 1.

Kalamazoo – Boy, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, Casha Miles, 8:32 a.m. Dec. 29.

St. Joseph – Boy, 7 pounds, 5.5 ounces, Sara and Stephen Zwar,1:38 a.m. Dec. 29.

Stevensville – Girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, Sara Kinsey, 6:08 p.m. Dec. 29.

Watervliet – Boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, Alysha Bogart and Cody Gerke, 10:39 p.m. Dec. 25.

Watervliet – Girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, Jessica Coe and Ben Butler, 10:35 a.m. Dec. 28.

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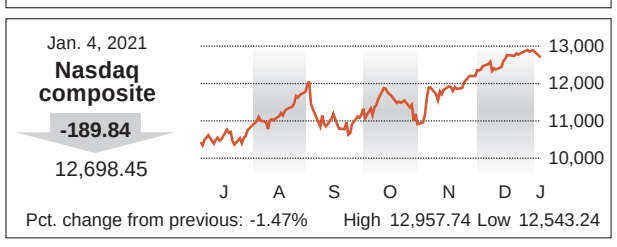

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NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.55	29.44	+.68	+2.4	▲	▼	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	81.54	-1.73	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc s	AAPL	53.15	138.79	129.41	-3.28	-2.5	▼	▲	▼
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1267.93	1180.40	-5.04	-0.4	▼	▲	▼
BP PLC	BP	14.74	40.08	20.83	+.31	+1.5	▲	▼	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	59.61	-1.40	-2.3	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	52.76	-2.08	-3.8	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	52.49	50.51	-1.89	-3.6	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	106.14	273.56	267.64	-1.41	-0.5	▼	▲	▼
Disney	DIS	79.07	183.40	177.68	-3.50	-1.9	▼	▲	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	114.32	106.94	-1.10	-1.0	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	71.36	41.50	+.28	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	30.47	27.23	-.34	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	51.85	39.70	-.60	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	9.50	8.52	-.27	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	10.47	-.33	-3.1	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	263.92	-1.70	-0.6	▼	▲	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	18.75	15.43	-.43	-2.7	▼	▲	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	14.86	12.56	-.07	-0.6	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	104.56	199.50	195.31	-3.89	-2.0	▼	▲	▼
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	123.94	-1.94	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	140.76	125.87	-1.20	-0.9	▼	▲	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.66	156.50	-.88	-0.6	▼	▲	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	160.38	-.13	-0.1	▼	▲	▼
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	210.22	-4.36	-2.0	▼	▲	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	217.69	-4.73	-2.1	▼	▲	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	42.26	33.10	-.70	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	44.63	-.09	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	43.08	36.81	...	...	▬	▼	▬
ProctGam	PG	94.34	146.92	137.82	-1.32	-0.9	▼	▲	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	103.79	93.54	-2.76	-2.9	▼	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	20.24	12.74	-.81	-6.0	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	245.34	239.02	-6.02	-2.5	▼	▲	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	46.93	36.88	-.14	-0.4	▼	▲	▼
Target	TGT	90.17	181.17	177.63	+1.10	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	139.71	-.87	-0.6	▼	▲	▼
UPS B	UPS	82.00	178.01	163.80	-4.60	-2.7	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	61.95	58.85	+.10	+0.2	▲	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	90.38	-1.65	-1.8	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	102.00	153.66	146.53	+2.38	+1.7	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.36	59.78	41.40	+1.52	+3.8	▲	▼	▲
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.91	21.38	-.54	-2.5	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	207.30	176.90	-3.59	-2.0	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	56.43	51.19	-.15	-0.3	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	123.59	116.52	-2.68	-2.2	▼	▼	▼

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler:

Caitlin Grace Courtney and Antony Flores-Peres, both of Benton Harbor.

Nicalette Marie Fuller of Meadville, Pa., and Cassidy Paige Dryer of Coloma.

Deziree Mercedes Hoskin of South Bend, Ind., and David Alexander Kennedy of Niles.

Lori Ann Reynolds and Michael Allen Krajecki, both of Coloma.

Shanyia Rose Stanford of Elkhart, Ind., and Carlos Uriel Vasquez of Benton Harbor.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1996 – 25 years ago

Berrien County's Silver Beach Park could be covered with volleyball enthusiasts in August if St. Joseph native Tom Ziebart and his supporters have their way. Ziebart said he has lined up St. Joseph as one of the 18 stops in the Bud Light Pro Am Volleyball Series. The only hitch at this point is getting local sponsors for the Aug. 17-18 event, which could draw up to 500 players.

1986 – 35 years ago

Michigan's Artrain will stop in Bangor and Benton Harbor this spring. The Artrain, a nonprofit, Detroit-based organization that started 15 years ago, is scheduled to be in Benton Harbor in April. It will include about 70 works by artists such as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Marcel Duchamp, according to Executive Director Dan O'Leary. Details of the visit to Benton Harbor have not yet been completed. The train last visited Benton Harbor in 1972.

1971 – 50 years ago

Bridgman Printing Co., marked its 25th year of operation Jan. 1. Owners of the company are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Linderman. The company prints the Bridgman Community Enterprise and other commercial printed materials.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2021. There are 360 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Jan. 5, 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1896, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In 1914, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers $5 for an 8-hour day, as opposed to $2.34 for a 9-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the 5-day work week was instituted in 1926.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1975, "The Wiz," a musical version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" featuring an all-Black cast, opened on Broadway.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
36°	26°	37° / 29°	36° / 26°	34° / 25°	33° / 26°

Local Outlook

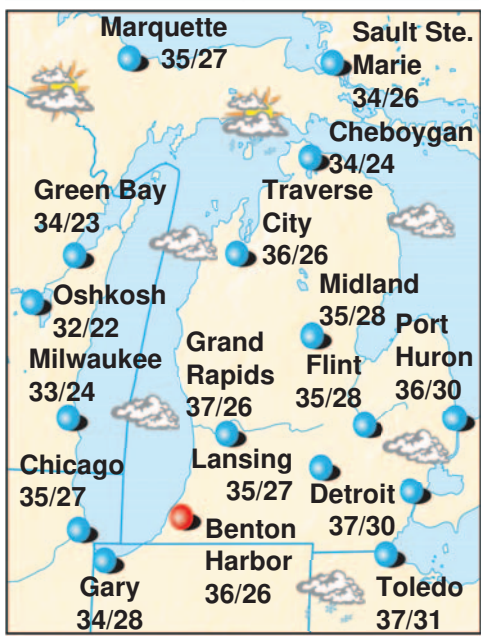
Today we will see cloudy skies, high temperature of 36°, humidity of 88%. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 26°. West southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Wednesday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 37°, humidity of 74%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:14 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:28 p.m.
Moonrise ..... Yesterday
Moonset ..... 12:22 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
1/6	1/13	1/20	1/28

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	32°
Low	26°
Normal High	31°
Normal Low	17°
Record High	55° in 1998
Record Low	-12° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.76"
Normal for month	0.22"
Year to date	0.76"
Normal Year to date	0.22"

Air Quality

Yesterday 55
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

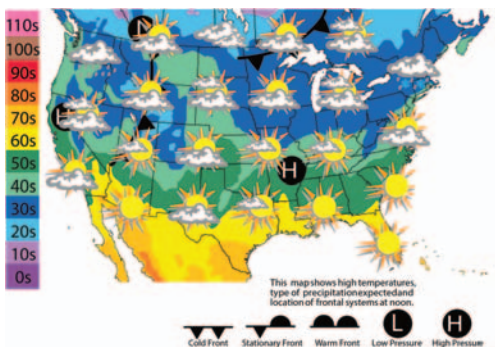
Weather Trivia

On average, how many hurricanes hit the U.S. coastline?

Answer: About five over a three year period.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Jan. 5, 2021



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 11 to 15 kt. A slight chance of snow showers. Waves around 3 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 5 to 10 kt. Mostly cloudy. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated snow showers, highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 5 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s. North wind 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with isolated snow, highs in the 30s. Northwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s. Northeast wind 5 mph.

KING

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guitar class, boxing class and meditation class. It is open to everyone, the only thing people had to pay was a donation. It was meant to increase the normality of being in a social gathering like that.

That's how COPE came about. We've since brought about different pieces.

Could you explain the influence behind the logo for your nonprofit? I noticed the logo for COPE has a dandelion blowing away where the "O" would be.

My other daughter, who has been very involved in working with COPE, created the design. The dandelion symbolizes happiness, simple joy, good companions and the presence of our inner child.

What has your organization done regarding the distribution of Narcan?

Naloxone was not as available as it is now. I noticed several states had passed laws to grant access to it. I worked with a local psychiatrist who wrote a letter to one of our representatives, who took that to start the process. We held our first class in December of 2015 on administering Narcan. We also train law enforcement in all counties as well.

You were brought to my attention through your presentations on addiction, overdose prevention and harm reduction, among other things. When and why did you start doing this?

It came out of an awareness of what we weren't doing. My daughter died in 2012, but we weren't talking about the opioid crisis until a few years later. I didn't realize how much of an open secret the opioid crisis was. The more I talked about it, the more I realized it was affecting more people around me. I thought if this is so close to home, it could be affecting other people. As a parent, I wanted to give parents an opportunity to reconnect that could be beneficial for the recovery of their loved ones.

From those early days of holding support groups to hosting presentations on substance abuse, how has COPE changed you?

It's helped with my healing. People felt judged and stigmatized. To have compassion has given me a sense of purpose. That's a really important piece to it. You often hear trauma is the gateway to drugs. The more I understood the connection between trauma and drugs, it's amazing how people with substance abuse connect with that. People were just looking for a way to cope.

We don't often think about the 30 percent of our population who have at least four traumas – that's when they start to see behavioral and psychological changes. People with addictions deserve dignity with their care and not have a finger pointed at them.

With four years worth of outreach work, where do you see COPE Network in the next four years?

COVID has been a big challenge. One of the pieces that came out of this was the understanding to make sure people have a healthy outcome. If they're alive there's a chance for recovery.

In April, we started Kalamazoo Harm Reduction. Our goal is to get back to offering the number of programs we had here before COVID. We want to do more activities to engage people in social times. We want to offer places for people to go that is safe and connected.

We've had funding changes as grants have become harder to come by since (the pandemic) began. That's a challenge a lot of nonprofits have right now.

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CONGRESS

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for Trump's base of supporters. Vice President Mike Pence, who is under pressure to tip the results for Trump, will be closely watched as he presides in a ceremonial role over Wednesday's joint session. He "welcomes" the challenge to the election results, his top aide said.

On Monday, more current and former GOP officials rebuked the effort to upend the election.

Former Sen. John Danforth of Missouri offered sharp criticism of the attempt by Hawley and the others, an especially stinging statement since Danforth has long been a supporter of Hawley.

"Lending credence to Trump's false claim that the election was stolen is a highly destructive attack," Danforth, the 84-year-old three-term senator from St. Louis, said in a written statement. "It is the opposite of conservative; it is radical."

Two current Republican senators, Rob Portman of Ohio and Mike Lee of Utah, joined the growing number who now oppose the legislators' challenge.

Portman said in a statement, "I cannot support allowing Congress to thwart the will of the voters."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the giant lobbying organization and virtual embodiment of the business establishment, said Monday that the electoral vote challenge "undermines our democracy and the rule of law and will only result in further division across our nation."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has tried to prevent his party from engaging in this battle. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Trump ally, has declined to speak publicly on it.

So far, Trump has enlisted support from a dozen Republican senators and up to 100 House Republicans to challenge Biden's 306-232 Electoral College win.

With Biden set to be inaugurated Jan. 20, Trump is intensifying efforts to prevent the traditional transfer of power.

On a call disclosed Sunday, Trump can be heard pressuring Georgia officials to "find" him more votes from the Nov. 3 election he lost in that state.

Biden has been muted in his response to Trump. Transition spokesman Mike Gwin dismissed the senators' effort as a "stunt" that won't change the fact that Biden will be sworn in in two weeks.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who convened a private call of House Democrats on Monday, said in a letter to colleagues that while there is "no doubt" of Biden's victory, their job now "is to convince more of the American people to trust in our democratic system."

The current challenge to the presidential election is on a scale unseen since the aftermath of the Civil War, though the typically routine process of confirming Electoral College votes has been hit with brief objections before. In 2017, several House Democrats challenged Trump's win, but Biden, who presided at the time as the vice president, swiftly dismissed them to assert Trump's victory.

States run their own elections, and Congress has been loath to interfere. Despite Trump's objections, many states adapted to the coronavirus pandemic by allowing more mail voting to ease health risks of voting in person.

"The 2020 election is over," said a statement Sunday from a bipartisan group of 10 senators, including Republicans Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana and Mitt Romney of Utah.

Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, another potential 2024 presidential hopeful, announced he, too, would not oppose the counting of certified electoral votes.

A range of Republican officials, including Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland; Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the third-ranking House GOP leader; and former House Speaker Paul Ryan, have criticized the GOP efforts to overturn the election.

"The scheme by members of Congress to reject the certification of the presidential election makes a mockery of our system and who we are as Americans," Hogan said in a statement Sunday.

Hawley defended his actions in a lengthy email over the weekend to colleagues, saying his Missouri constituents have been "loud and clear" in insisting Biden's defeat of Trump was unfair.

Hawley plans to object to the state tally from Pennsylvania, although that state's Republican senator, Pat Toomey, has said the results naming Biden the winner are valid.

Cruz's coalition of 11 Republican senators vows to reject the Electoral College tallies unless Congress launches a commission to immediately conduct an audit of the election results. Congress is unlikely to agree to that.

The group, which presented no new evidence of election problems, includes Sens. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, James Lankford of Oklahoma, Steve Daines of Montana, John Kennedy of Louisiana, Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Mike Braun of Indiana, Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, Roger Marshall of Kansas, Bill Hagerty of Tennessee and Tommy Tuberville of Alabama.

ELECTION

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in Detroit, the state's largest city and a Democratic stronghold.

Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint, criticized Shirkey's plans to continue focusing on the election in the coming year.

"If the Senate majority leader wants his legacy to be that he wasted this Legislature's time beating a dead horse and undermining trust in democracy, that's his prerogative," Ananich said.

The GOP-controlled Legislature began holding joint oversight committee meetings on the election four days after it occurred. Lawmakers have issued subpoenas for records from Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's office, Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey and Livonia Clerk Susan Nash.

While the president's campaign has urged lawmakers to intervene in the results, the Board of State Canvassers certified them on Nov. 23, and Michigan's 16 presidential electors formally voted for Biden on Dec. 14.

The U.S. House and Senate will convene on Wednesday to open the electoral votes submitted by the states, count them and declare an official winner. Some Republican lawmakers, including Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., have said they'll attempt to challenge the results.

Shirkey said he hadn't been contacted by any members of Congress as of Thursday about Michigan's results. If he were, the Senate leader said he would tell them the Legislature's investigation "has only begun" and lawmakers intend for it to be among the "highest of our priorities" in 2021.

But he added about trying to overturn the results, "we have not discovered anything yet that would cause me to want to take that kind of dramatic action in Michigan."

The Senate's other priorities for the new year include a "safe and sensible" reopening of the economy, housing, protecting seniors and empowering students, schools and parents, Shirkey said.

Shirkey listed three voting-related areas he believes are most important for review in the coming months, including the ability of local election workers to begin processing and counting ballots before Election Day.

Ahead of the Nov. 3 election, clerks on both sides of the aisle had pressed GOP lawmakers to give them more time to begin processing absentee ballots early. But the Legislature only allowed clerks in large municipalities to begin working with absentee ballot envelopes – without counting them – from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the day before the election.

Due to the lack of early processing time and a record 3.3 million absentee votes cast in Michigan, the state's ballots weren't fully tabulated until more than a day after polls closed.

"I own this," Shirkey said. "I am not shying away from it."

He pointed to Florida as a "best practice." That state allows local clerks to begin processing absentee ballots weeks before Election Day.

The Senate leader said he also wants to work on the integrity of the state's qualified voter file – the list of residents eligible to participate in a particular election – and on photo identification requirements.

This fall, Benson's office supported a House bill to send notices to registered voters who haven't participated in an election since 2000 and eventually remove them from voter rolls if they can't be reached. The bill didn't advance.

Current Michigan law says voters must present picture identification at the polls or sign an affidavit "attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification," according to the Michigan Secretary of State's Office.

"That will probably be the one where we see the most attention," Shirkey said of photo identification verification, a subject on which he said he doesn't have solutions to propose yet.

Unless Republicans launched a petition effort, reforms to the state's election laws will require bipartisan support with Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer holding the power to veto bills from the House and Senate.

But Norm Shinkle, a Republican member of the Board of State Canvassers, said he believes people on both sides of the aisle have concerns about the administration of elections. Shinkle was the lone member of the four-member board who didn't vote to certify the Nov. 3 election results. He abstained.

The Legislature needs to pursue reforms, and they need to be "common sense," Shinkle said last week.

hp SPORTS

NFL return possible for U-M's Harbaugh

Why hasn't Michigan football coach Jim Harbaugh signed his contract extension that has been on his desk for the past couple weeks?

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

The answer is obvious.

He wants to test the National Football League waters following his miserable 2-4 sixth season at the Wolverines' helm.

As of this writing, six NFL head coaching jobs are available, and Harbaugh is the only active college coach whose name keeps popping up. Former Ohio State coach Urban Meyer has also been mentioned.

The Detroit Lions, New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Atlanta Falcons, Houston Texans and Los Angeles Chargers are all looking for new head coaches.

As I've stated a hundred times, the only way Michigan and Harbaugh separate is if HE decides to join the NFL again.

Hired as the "savior" of Michigan's program, he has yet to deliver a Big Ten championship or a victory over Ohio State in his six seasons in Ann Arbor – a fact that rankles Wolverine fans, but evidently not the university's administration or alumni.

But as a head coach for four years (2011-14) with the San Francisco 49ers, Harbaugh produced a 44-19-1 record (.695 winning percentage) including a trip to the Super Bowl in his second year. He lost to the Baltimore Ravens, coached by his older brother, John.

As a college head coach he went 29-6 (.829) at San Diego, 29-21 at Stanford (.580), and so far 49-22 (.690) at Michigan, making his overall collegiate coaching record 107-49 (.686).

He's a proven winner, but he has yet to beat Ohio State, and if this season is any indication, he's a long way from doing it.

Of course, so is every other Big Ten team.

But as Michigan's losses to Ohio State mount (15 of the last 16), so do Harbaugh's frustrations.

Any NFL team that makes Harbaugh an offer will have to pay up big time, as his current contract with Michigan is astronomical.

Others being mentioned by ESPN as top candidates for the six open NFL head coaching jobs include Eric Bieniemy, offensive coordinator, Kansas City Chiefs; Marvin Lewis, defensive coordinator, Arizona State University; Brian Daboll, offensive coordinator, Buffalo Bills; Arthur Smith, offensive coordinator, Tennessee Titans; Robert Salem, defensive coordinator, San Francisco 49ers; Byron Leftwich, offensive coordinator, Tamps Bay Buccaneers; Greg Roman, offensive coordinator, Baltimore Ravens; Matt Eberflus, defensive coordinator, Indianapolis Colts.

Any of those names excite NFL owners more than Jim Harbaugh? I doubt it.

Idle thought

If Harbaugh leaves Michigan, I wonder what name is at the top of its list to replace him?

How about the University of Cincinnati's Luke Fickell?

National championship

Alabama 42, Ohio State 34

Yes, I know I picked Clemson to win it all last week. Whoops!

Al Arend is a sports correspondent for The Herald-Palladium.

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago Bears coach Matt Nagy watches during the second half of Sunday's game against Green Bay.

Bears not complaining on how they reached postseason

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears aren't worrying about how they made the playoffs. They're in and that's what matters most to them.

"It's not perfect," coach Matt Nagy said.

It's far from that.

The Bears closed the regular season with a 35-16 loss to Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field on Sunday. But they slipped into the playoffs for the second time in Nagy's three seasons because the Arizona Cardinals lost to the Los Angeles Rams.

The seventh seed in an expanded field, the Bears (8-8) visit Drew Brees and the NFC South champion New Orleans Saints (12-4) on Sunday. It's quite a turnaround.

Chicago lost six consecutive games in its worst skid since the 2002 team dropped eight in a row.

The Bears responded by winning three straight against struggling teams – Houston, Minnesota and Jacksonville – before falling to Green Bay.

Whether that's enough to save general manager Ryan Pace's and Nagy's jobs is not clear. Nagy said he hasn't discussed his future with ownership and management, saying "that's not a focus."

"We're so, so extremely focused on the Saints," Nagy said. "And it's great that we made it two out of three years. And it's a credit to the players, to the coaches, to the support staff, to Ryan, to (president) Ted (Phillips), (chairman) George (McCaskey), everybody. This is all of us. And there are a lot of other teams right now who are trying to figure out their flights home today and where they're going. And we're not."

What's working

The offensive line. The Bears' revamped line continues to give quarterback Mitchell Trubisky the protection he needs and open holes for the running backs.

Chicago has allowed just one sack in each of the past three games. The Bears also ran for 108 yards against Green Bay, giving them six straight games with more than 100 rushing after they failed to reach triple digits in their previous seven outings.

The changes the Bears made were inserting Sam Mustipher at center while moving Cody Whitehair to left guard, and going with Germain Ifedi at right tackle and Alex Bars at right guard.

What needs help

Red zone efficiency. The Bears scored just one touchdown on four trips inside the 20 against Green Bay and settled for field goals on the other three. The Bears rank 22nd in red zone efficiency, and the stingy Saints are among the league's best at keeping teams out of the end zone.

Stock up

Receiver Darnell Mooney. The team's second-leading receiver with 61 catches for 631 yards, Mooney had the best game of his rookie season against Green Bay. The fifth-round draft pick from Tulane set career bests with 11 catches for 93 yards – well above his previous highs of five and 69 – before leaving in the fourth quarter with an ankle injury.

Stock down

The defense. A unit that carried Chicago to a 5-1 start has looked a little more vulnerable over the course of the season.

One big issue is the Bears aren't forcing as many turnovers as they would like. The Bears are tied for 25th in the NFL in takeaways with 18 and for 23rd in differential at minus-4.

Injured

The Bears could be missing leading tackler Roquan Smith as well as Mooney. Nagy had no update on either player.

"I think they're both – you guys see it all year long – playing at an extremely high level, one being a rookie, the other one being somebody who might be playing as well on defense as any defensive player in the NFL right now," he said. "We'll just have to stay positive here and just kind of see what (trainer Andre Tucker) says as we move forward and keep an eye on all that."

Key number

1-6 – That's the Bears' record against teams that finished with winning records. The lone victory was against Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Soldier Field on Oct. 8.

Next steps

The Bears will try to pay back the Saints for a 26-23 overtime loss at Soldier Field. Chicago rallied from 10 down to tie it on Cairo Santos' 51-yard field goal at the end of regulation, only to lose when Wil Lutz nailed a 35-yarder.

Trubisky made his first appearance since being benched for Nick Foles in Week 3 and suffered a shoulder injury on his lone play – a short run.

Lions entering their biggest rebuild since drafting QB Matt Stafford in 2009

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

DETROIT — The previous time the Detroit Lions went into an offseason with a rebuilding project this large, they were coming off a winless season and drafted quarterback Matthew Stafford with the No. 1 overall pick in 2009.

Detroit's new general manager and coach will have to decide if Stafford is part of their plans to retool a franchise in desperate need of major changes after losing 33 games in three seasons.

Stafford has two years left on his $135 million, five-year deal, but the new leaders of the Lions may opt to reshape the roster by trading him to acquire more draft picks.

And Stafford may simply say he's ready to move on from the Motor City.

"There's a lot to discuss," he acknowledged after the season ended with a 37-35 loss to Minnesota. "I'll obviously keep that between my family and I and all that, but we'll figure it out at some other date I'm sure."

Stafford surpassed the 45,000-yard mark for passing Sunday in his 165th game, the fewest games an NFL player has had to reach that number, and he threw three for three scores against the Vikings to raise his career

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Al Goldis / AP

Minnesota Vikings running back Alexander Mattison (25) jumps over Detroit Lions strong safety Duron Harmon during the first half of Sunday's game.

Alabama, Ohio State travel different paths to title game

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

Alabama breezed through the regular season and college football's semifinals, surviving a solitary scare in the Southeastern Conference championship game to reach its expected destination.

Ohio State wasn't exactly a shoo-in with its abbreviated schedule but resoundingly proved it belonged in the College Football Playoffs with a semifinal thrashing of Clemson.

The Buckeyes and Crimson Tide traveled different paths to get to Monday's title game at Hard Rock Stadium in South Florida, but both had to navigate the challenges of a pandemic-altered season

"I know this has been a little bit of a trying year for a lot of folks," Nick Saban, the top-ranked Crimson Tide's coach, said Monday.

It's not a finale that could be taken for granted.

No. 3 Ohio State's odyssey included an abbreviated Big Ten season with three games canceled because of COVID-19 issues, including the Buckeyes' own outbreak.

"This team, this program, we persevered through so much," Ohio State running back Trey Sermon said Monday. "To have the opportunity to play on such a big stage, it means a lot to us.

"We've been through a lot. I mean, we fought to just play, and just to be able to get the job done, to make it to this level, it just means a lot to us."

The Tide (12-0) advanced with a 31-14 win over Notre Dame in the Rose Bowl, played in Arlington, Texas not southern California in yet another example of just how different this season has been.

Before that Alabama navigated 11 straight SEC games, including wins over three teams currently ranked among the top 11 before facing Notre Dame.

The Tide also won the Iron Bowl against Auburn with offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian – who takes over the Texas Longhorns program following the game – running the show while Saban was sidelined by COVID-19.

In addition to Sarkisian's imminent departure, Alabama has to take care of some Heisman Trophy business while preparing for the matchup with Ohio State. Both wide receiver DeVonta Smith and quarterback Mac Jones are among the four Heisman finalists, along with quarterbacks Trevor Lawrence of Clemson and Kyle Trask of Florida.

Smith isn't interested in talking about the award being handed out virtually on Tuesday, saying his focus is on preparing for the Buckeyes.

"Right now I'm not really worried about the Heisman Trophy," he said.

Monday's game is a rematch of a semifinal game in the first College Football Playoffs six years ago. Ohio State (7-0) won that meeting en route to the national title.

There were questions whether this Buckeyes team deserved to be in CFP, but Ohio State routed favored Clemson, erasing sentiments that another Tigers-Crimson Tide title showdown was all but inevitable.

If Smith shared those

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SCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	501	375
Miami	10	6	0	.625	404	338
New England	7	9	0	.438	326	353
N.Y. Jets	2	14	0	.125	243	457

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	451	362
yx-Tennessee	11	5	0	.688	491	439
Houston	4	12	0	.250	384	464
Jacksonville	1	15	0	.063	306	492

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Pittsburgh	12	4	0	.750	416	312
x-Baltimore	11	5	0	.688	468	303
x-Cleveland	11	5	0	.688	408	419
Cincinnati	4	11	1	.281	311	424

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
zyx-Kansas City	14	2	0	.875	473	362
Las Vegas	8	8	0	.500	434	478
L.A. Chargers	7	9	0	.438	384	426
Denver	5	11	0	.313	323	446

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Washington	7	9	0	.438	335	329
Dallas	6	10	0	.375	395	473
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	280	357
Phila.	4	11	1	.281	334	418

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-New Orleans	12	4	0	.750	482	337
x-Tampa Bay	11	5	0	.688	492	355
Carolina	5	11	0	.313	350	402
Atlanta	4	12	0	.250	396	414

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
zyx-Green Bay	13	3	0	.813	509	369
x-Chicago	8	8	0	.500	372	370
Minnesota	7	9	0	.438	430	475
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	377	519

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
yx-Seattle	12	4	0	.750	459	371
x-L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	372	296
Arizona	8	8	0	.500	410	367
San Francisco	6	10	0	.375	376	390

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched first round bye
-clinched home-field advantage

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 38, Cincinnati 3
Buffalo 56, Miami 26
Cleveland 24, Pittsburgh 22
Minnesota 37, Detroit 35
N.Y. Giants 23, Dallas 19
New England 28, N.Y. Jets 14
Tampa Bay 44, Atlanta 27
Green Bay 35, Chicago 16
Indianapolis 28, Jacksonville 14
L.A. Chargers 38, Kansas City 21
L.A. Rams 18, Arizona 7
Las Vegas 32, Denver 31
New Orleans 33, Carolina 7
Seattle 26, San Francisco 23
Tennessee 41, Houston 38
Washington 20, Phila. 14

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 9

Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Seattle, 4:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Baltimore at Tennessee, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17

lowest seed remaining at Green Bay
lowest seed remaining at Kansas City
TBD vs. TBD
TBD vs. TBD

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 24
AFC

TBD

NFC

TBD

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Tampa, Fla.

TBD, 6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2020-21 Bowl Glance
Friday, Jan. 1
PEACH BOWL
Atlanta

No. 11 Georgia 24, No. 6 Cincinnati 21

CITRUS BOWL
Orlando, Fla.

No. 15 Northwestern 35, Auburn 19

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF SEMIFINAL
ROSE BOWL
Arlington, Texas

No. 1 Alabama 31, No. 4 Notre Dame 14

SUGAR BOWL
New Orleans

No. 3 Ohio St. 49, No. 2 Clemson 28

Saturday, Jan 2
GATOR BOWL
Jacksonville, Fla.

Kentucky 23, No. 24 NC State 21

OUTBACK BOWL
Tampa, Fla.

Mississippi 26, No. 7 Indiana 20

FIESTA BOWL
Glendale, Ariz.

No. 12 Iowa State 34, No. 25 Oregon 17

ORANGE BOWL
Miami Gardens, Fla.

No. 5 Texas A&M 41, No. 14 North Carolina 27

Monday, Jan. 11
COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
Miami Gardens, Fla.

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 3 Ohio St., 8 p.m. (ESPN)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The AP Top 25 Men's Basketball Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (63)	10-0	1599	1
2. Baylor (1)	9-0	1537	2
3. Villanova	8-1	1453	4
4. Texas	8-1	1415	8
5. Iowa	9-2	1298	10
6. Kansas	8-2	1224	3
7. Creighton	8-2	1140	11
8. Wisconsin	9-2	1085	6
9. Tennessee	7-1	1076	7
10. Michigan	9-0	1039	16
11. Houston	8-1	977	5
12. Illinois	8-3	878	15
13. Missouri	7-1	747	12
14. West Virginia	8-3	706	9
15. Rutgers	7-2	703	14
16. Minnesota	10-2	559	21
17. Oregon	8-1	545	21
18. Texas Tech	8-3	445	13
19. Clemson	8-1	411	-
19. Virginia Tech	8-1	411	24
21. Duke	3-2	280	20
22. Virginia	5-2	258	23
23. Saint Louis	7-1	133	-
23. Michigan St.	7-3	133	17
25. Florida St.	5-2	120	18

Others receiving votes: Florida 110, Louisville 103, Ohio St. 96, Northwestern 86, Oklahoma St. 68, Arizona 25, Colorado 19, BYU 18, Drake 17, NC State 16, Oklahoma 15, Arkansas 14, Seton Hall 11, UCLA 6, Xavier 5, San Diego St. 4, UConn 4, LSU 3, Boise St. 3, Indiana 2, Alabama 2, Syracuse 1.

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Virginia Tech	2	0	1.000	8	1	.889
Louisville	2	0	1.000	7	1	.875
NC State	2	0	1.000	6	1	.857
Syracuse	1	0	1.000	6	1	.857
Virginia	1	0	1.000	5	2	.714
Duke	1	0	1.000	3	2	.600
Clemson	2	1	.667	8	1	.889
Georgia Tech	2	1	.667	6	3	.667
Florida St.	1	1	.500	5	2	.714
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	5	2	.714
North Carolina	1	2	.333	6	4	.600
Wake Forest	0	1	.000	3	1	.750
Miami	0	3	.000	4	4	.500
Notre Dame	0	3	.000	3	6	.333
Boston College	0	3	.000	2	7	.222

Sunday's Games

Georgia Tech 70, Wake Forest 54

Tuesday's Games

NC State at Clemson, 7 p.m.
North Carolina at Miami, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh at Syracuse, 4:30 p.m.
Florida St. at Syracuse, ppd.
Virginia Tech at Louisville, 6:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
Boston College at Duke, 8:30 p.m.
Wake Forest at Virginia, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Michigan	4	0	1.000	9	0	1.000
Illinois	4	1	.800	8	3	.727
Iowa	3	1	.750	9	2	.818
Wisconsin	3	1	.750	9	2	.818
Minnesota	3	2	.600	10	2	.833
Rutgers	3	2	.600	7	2	.778
Northwestern	3	2	.600	6	3	.667
Ohio St.	2	3	.400	8	3	.727
Purdue	2	3	.400	7	5	.583
Indiana	1	2	.333	6	4	.600
Michigan St.	1	3	.250	7	3	.700
Maryland	1	3	.250	6	4	.600
Penn St.	0	3	.000	3	4	.429
Nebraska	0	4	.000	4	7	.364

Sunday's Games

Wisconsin at Penn St., ppd.
Minnesota 77, Ohio St. 60
Michigan 85, Northwestern 66

Monday's Game

Maryland at Indiana

Tuesday's Games

Nebraska at Purdue, 7 p.m.
Rutgers at Michigan St., 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Penn St. at Ohio St., 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Michigan, 8:30 p.m.

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expectations, the Alabama wide receiver kept them to himself.

"I mean, I'm not part of the committee, so I have no say-so in who they put in and who they wanted to put in," Smith said. "At the end of the day, we just show up here, practice, and get ready for whoever the next opponent is."

The big question for Ohio State Monday was the health of quarterback Justin Fields, who took a vicious shot to the side in the first half against Clemson.

Buckeyes coach Ryan Day didn't give details on the nature of provide any detailed updates Monday on the QB's injury but said: "I definitely expect him to play."

Here's a look at each team's path to the Monday's showdown:

Alabama

Overview: Has mostly coasted into the title game with few challenges, outscoring opponents by an average of 48-19 points.

The Tide ranks second nationally in scoring offense, behind only Kent State, fifth in scoring and sixth in total offense.

Best regular season win: While the win over No. 5 Texas A&M looms largest now, then-No. 2 Alabama rallied from a halftime deficit against third-ranked Georgia with 21 unanswered points in a 41-24 win.

Toughest hurdle: Florida. The Tide withstood a second-half rally attempt to beat the Gators 52-46 in the SEC championship game. Najee Harris scored five touchdowns, three receiving and two rushing.

Best player: Smith has shattered Alabama and SEC receiving records with a season that has made him a leading Heisman Trophy candidate. Smith caught three touchdown passes against Notre Dame.

Ohio State

Overview: Like many teams, Ohio State faced major obstacles during the pandemic. First the Big Ten canceled fall football. After an about-face, an abbreviated scheduled led to questions about Ohio State's inclusion in the final four. The Buckeyes validated the decision, going up three touchdowns by halftime against Clemson in the semifinals.

Best regular season win: 42-35 win over No. 7 Indiana, a victory that lost some of its luster after the Hoosiers fell to Mississippi in the Outback Bowl. The Buckeyes withstood a challenge after giving up two touchdowns early in the fourth quarter.

Toughest hurdle: The Buckeyes silenced the naysayers with a 49-28 win over Clemson and Lawrence.

Best Player: Fields looked like a Heisman contender much of the season, before a lackluster performance in the Big Ten championship game against Northwestern. Then he outshined Lawrence with an impressive, 22-of-28, 385-yard performance when he set a Sugar Bowl record with six touchdown passes.

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total to 282 touchdowns.

Like many of Stafford's statistics, they were marred by a loss as the team dropped to 5-11 this season and he fell to 74-89-1 in the regular season as a starter.

Detroit drafted the strong-armed Stafford with the hopes he could help the franchise have playoff success. But he went 0-3 in the 2011, 2014 and 2016 postseasons.

Offensive tackle Taylor Decker, who signed a six-year, $85 million deal just before last season started, said Monday he planned to lobby Lions President Rod Wood to keep Stafford as a teammate.

"I would love to keep protecting his blindside," Decker said.

Leaders of lions

The franchise's top priorities this offseason are to hire a general manager and coach to replace Bob Quinn and Matt Patricia after both were fired f ive-plus weeks ago.

San Francisco defensive coordinator Robert Saleh is interviewing with the Lions later this week and he is also talking with Atlanta and Jacksonville about their head coaching job, according to 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan.

Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy plans to interview with the Lions among other teams, a person familiar with his plans told the AP on condition of anonymity because he has not made his plans public.

Chris Spielman, who has ties throughout the league as a former Lions linebacker and TV analyst, is playing a key role in the searches as a special assistant.

Help wanted

The Lions have needs at every position group on defense after setting franchise records by allowing 519 points and 6,716 yards, breaking marks set by their winless team in 2008 and ranking among the worst ever in the league.

"The talent is here," insisted safety Duron Harmon, one of the many ex-Patriots that Quinn and Patricia acquired. "Injuries were tough on us this year. We never had a fully healthy team."

Golladay's payday

Even though receiver Kenny Golladay played in just five games during the 2020 season, the Lions can't afford to let him get away in free agency. Detroit drafted him in the third round four years ago and he led the league in receiving touchdowns in 2019.

The Lions likely won't be able to afford to keep veteran receiver Marvin Jones, who had nine touchdown receptions for the second straight season, a career-high 76 receptions and nearly 1,000 yards receiving to improve his value on the market as a free agent.

Best available

Detroit will have the No. 7 pick in the draft and it needs help at every position, giving the team a lot of options in April. And it desperately needs 2021 picks to pan out.

The Lions took Jeff Okudah last year No. 3 overall, becoming the first team in more than two decades to draft a cornerback that high. Okudah struggled with only one interception in nine games before needing season-ending groin surgery in mid-December.

"I don't want to make any excuses," he said. "If you're out there on Sunday, you're good enough to go."

Looking back, the team probably would have been better served by selecting quarterback Tua Tagovailoa or Justin Herbert instead of a highly touted cornerback.

Okudah said he will be motivated to validate his place in the draft for the people who believed he was worth selecting as high as he was last year.

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PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING JAN. 5

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	★★ The Lion King ('19, Children's) Voices of Donald Glover, Seth Rogen. CC (DVS)					The Goldbergs
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS Gibbs faces the reality of his actions.		FBI "Salvation" CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Caesar" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist CC		This Is Us "A Long Road Home" (N)		:01 Nurses "Friday Night Legend" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's American Road Trip Gordon Ramsey travels with friends. (N)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		PBS American Portrait "I Dream"		Frontline CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "The Landing" CC		Chicago P.D. Antonio crosses a line.		Chicago P.D. Ruzek risks his career.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	The Drew Barrymore Show (N) CC	
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty is confronted by a ghost.		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "The Girl Next Door"		The First 48 CC		:01 The First 48 CC	
AMC	Groundhog Day	O Brother, Where Art Thou? ('00, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, John Turturro. CC					★★ Caddyshack
Animal	Insane	Insane Pools: Deeper Dive (N)				Treehouse Masters	
BET	Big Mommas: Like Father			Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection			
Big Ten	College Basketball			B1G Live	B1G	B1G Basketball in 60	
Bravo	The Real Housewives of Dallas		Real House.	The Real Housewives of Dallas "Never Before Scene 501" (N)			Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	Teen	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	The Others ('01)	★ Lucy in the Sky ('19, Drama) Natalie Portman, Jon Hamm. (P). CC				:07 ★★ Yesterday ('19) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Cheerleaders	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Streets of Dreams	
CNN	:00 Election Day in America: Georgia Senate Runoffs (N) (L) CC						
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Overproof and Under the Gun" Oatmeal raisin shine. (N) CC				:01 Lone Star Law: Patrol and Protect	
Disney	Raven	Sydney	Sydney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Bunk'd
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Unbelievable Builds		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	Heisman	College Basketball North Carolina at Miami.				College Basketball	
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA.			College Basketball			
ESPNC	6:00 MLB Baseball			Classic-Boxing		Boxing	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions.					MSHOF
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Pretty in Pink ('86) Molly Ringwald. CC			★★★ The Breakfast Club ('85) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) Anna Kendrick. CC			★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld, Rebel Wilson. CC			
Golf	:00 ★★ Tommy's Honour ('16) CC				★ The Squeeze ('15) CC		
Hallmark	Frozen in Love ('18)	Taking a Shot at Love ('21, Romance) Alexa PenaVega, Luke Macfarlane. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:30 30 Coins	Bad Education ('19) Allison Janney. An embezzlement scandal rocks a school.				9:50 ★★ Tower Heist ('11)	
History	Oak Is	Drilling Down		Curse-Island		Proof Is Out There	
HGTV	Fixer to	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	7 Little Johnstons		Fat Fabulous		Welcome	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles "All for One" CC		:03 Rizzoli & Isles "Cold as Ice" CC		:03 Rizzoli & Isles CC	
MSNBC	:00 Georgia Runoffs: Fight for the Senate Georgia Senate runoff coverage. (N)						
MTV	Mean Girl	Teen Mom 2 (N)		Catfish: The TV		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	N.D. Bsk.	Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				Bulls	Basket
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. CC					
Nick	:00 ★★★ Rio ('11) CC			Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Aaron Hernandez Uncovered CC			Aaron Hernandez Uncovered Untold true story of Aaron Hernandez. CC			
Parmt	:00 ★ Grown Ups ('10)			:15 ★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) CC			
Showtime	Cold Comes	Your Honor Michael's being blackmailed.		Inside the NFL (N) CC		Shameless CC	
Starz	6:57 Charlie's Angels ('19, Action) Kristen Stewart. CC			Power Book II: Ghost "Heart of Darkness"		:10 ★ Dark Tide ('12) CC	
STZENC	Shakespeare-Lv	American Gods "Muninn" CC		8:59 American Gods CC		9:57 ★★ After the Sunset ('04) CC	
SyFy	:00 ★★ Jumanji ('95, Children's) Robin Williams. CC			★★★ The Goonies ('85, Children's) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin, Jeff Cohen.			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	Bridge on Kwai	★★★ Dark Victory ('39) Bette Davis. A dying heiress embarks on a social whirl.				★★★★ The Maltese Falcon ('41)	
TMC	Ode to Joy ('19)	★★ Eat Pray Love ('10, Drama) Julia Roberts, James Franco, Javier Bardem. CC					★★ Poms
TNT	Tarzan	★★ The Meg ('18) Jason Statham. CC					Batman
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Property of Devastation"				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Hip Hop	★★ White Chicks ('04) Shawn Wayans. CC					Scary Mv
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Parents clash over who should discipline their children

DEAR ABBY: I am a single father of three wonderful kids. When my wife and I separated, we agreed to 50/50 custody and a property settlement. Everything went smoothly. A year later I requested, and was granted, full custody of my children. Their mom has visitation, but that's it.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Shortly after my separation, I met a woman and we became good friends. I waited about a year before introducing her to my children because I wanted to make sure I knew her first.

Although we are not "officially" in a relationship, she has been more than willing to step in and help with the children. In a few instances she has disciplined them because of bad behaviors. It usually entails talking to them about what they did wrong and some sort of consequence – loss of toys or privileges.

When they went to visit their mother and she heard about it, she wasn't happy. She called me very upset saying my friend had no right to discipline our kids. I see nothing wrong with it, but I am second-guessing myself. Some advice, please? – Concerned Dad In California

DEAR CONCERNED DAD: If your lady friend's "discipline" EVER went further than a talking-to, then their mother is right. Because you have primary custody of the children, YOU should be the parent who levies penalties if they misbehave and a punishment is warranted.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a very social person and part of a close-knit friend group, but my boyfriend is on the introverted side. Although he is sweet and thoughtful, he doesn't have many friends of his own, and he tends to enjoy independent hobbies.

Since learning that my friendships are very important to me, he has made a huge effort with my friends and their boyfriends. In the past, he invited them to movies, reached out and attempted to engage them in multiple ways.

I have watched from a distance, hoping they could forge a connection, but they ignore or avoid him, and he recently shared his worry that they don't like him. I don't blame him for thinking that, and I'm starting to feel sad for him and frustrated with my friends. At what point do I talk to them about this? Should I just let the relationships happen organically (if they happen)? Should I interfere at all? – Torn In Texas

DEAR TORN: You didn't mention how old you are, or how long you and your boyfriend have been involved. I do not think it would be interfering to ask your friends why they seem unwilling to accept him. Their answers might be enlightening.

At some ages, circles have formed and it's difficult to break in and gain acceptance. If there is something about your boyfriend that makes them uncomfortable, it would be better if you knew what it was. However, ultimately, he should socialize with you and these friends at his comfort level. You may also need to seek out new friends and cultivate relationships together as a couple.

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Can she tell her adult child she needs therapy?

DEAR CAROLYN: Can I tell my adult child she needs therapy?

She was always very temperamental. In addition, my ex-husband (her father) is narcissistic and was emotionally abusive. We finally divorced when she was 12.

Before the divorce, our household was very volatile from both my ex's and her outbursts and my not handling any of the outbursts well. Initially after the divorce, my household was very calm, but as she neared the end of high school, my daughter completely went off the rails and our relationship also turned very volatile. My ex and daughter had an explosive relationship throughout.

Carolyn Hax

Through all this I never got her into therapy because she was uninterested at first, then later it came across more like I was threatening her with it – my super-bad.

Now she is 20 and away at school. I worry that she didn't learn proper coping mechanisms, growing up in an unhealthy emotional environment, and I even worry she may have borderline personality disorder.

She is a great person and I hate that she may end up unhappy because she blows up her relationships through unhealthy behavior. I love her and feel like I failed her.

Would I be overstepping if I suggested therapy? And if not, how can I suggest it so it's clear it's coming from a place of love and not a criticism of her? – Worried

DEAR WORRIED: Have you gone to therapy yourself? You are refreshingly open about your own contribution to the unhealthy home environment, so please don't take this as slapping you down for your honesty.

It's just that you now need to have an adult relationship with your daughter, which is a big transition regardless, and on top of that she might need you to be healthy for both of you, and so you could benefit from some new skills or reinforcement of old ones.

It's also a lot less high-horsey to suggest therapy to someone because you've been there yourself and benefited from it.

REGARDING WORRIED: My daughter was 20 when she was hitting every textbook mark for BPD as she took off for a new school.

I knew she was going to crash and burn, and I was worried she would be dangerously distressed but would not take advice or help from me.

She did get worse and had to take medical leave. I drove up to get her and didn't bring any of it up, no advice, no opinion. I think she really appreciated that. Moved in with roommates, went back to the local university, made good grades.

Eventually she told me she had found mental health care/medication on her own. Today, at 31, she has a stable marriage, two kids and master's. And all I did was stay out of her way.

Chances are you won't make things better by telling your daughter what is likely obvious to her. Stay in touch – a *light* touch – and don't say anything she might twist around to take as fault-finding.

Give her a chance to take care of herself; the very act of her doing so can go a long way toward getting better.

It's scary to hold back. But if she sees herself as an adult, you have to see her that way too. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thank you.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Expert
4 "Sign here" marks
8 Stick out
11 "My — Sal"
12 Black-and-white snack
13 Horror flick staple
14 Jackie's tycoon
15 Baby moose
16 Leer
17 Mr. Dangerfield
19 Attempt
21 Hit on the head
22 Restaurant
25 Snake-haired lady
29 Sierra Madre gold
31 Turn toward
34 Frat letter
35 Twosome
36 Bunuel of filmdom
37 Grope
38 Give — — up (help)
39 — — whim
40 Cultural
42 Warty critter
44 McEntire of country
47 Lose — — whisker
49 Universes
51 Loud cry
54 "Shoot!"
56 Objective
57 Brit's "Golly!" (2 wds.)
58 Ess molding
59 Prefix for classic
60 Collar
61 Mail out
62 Excavated

DOWN
1 Food additive
2 Imitation chocolate
3 Slur together
4 Time of the mammals
5 Diagnostic aid (hyph.)
6 Lamprey
7 Cushy
8 Run for fitness
9 Web addr.
10 Pigskin prop
13 Spanish painter
18 Appellations
20 Electronics mfr.
23 Farm newborn
24 Canal of song
26 Corp. section
27 Ogden locale
28 Like lumber
30 Web suffix
31 "Alice" waitress
32 Em, Bee or Polly
33 Hi or bye
35 Expectant dad, perhaps
40 Ben & Jerry rival
41 Did a laundry chore
43 In a skillful way
45 Not at all spicy
46 "See you later!"
48 Fusses
49 Chirper
50 Metro haze
51 Feminine force
52 That senora
53 Chem room
55 Grow older

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	A	M	S			P	S	I		H	A	C	K
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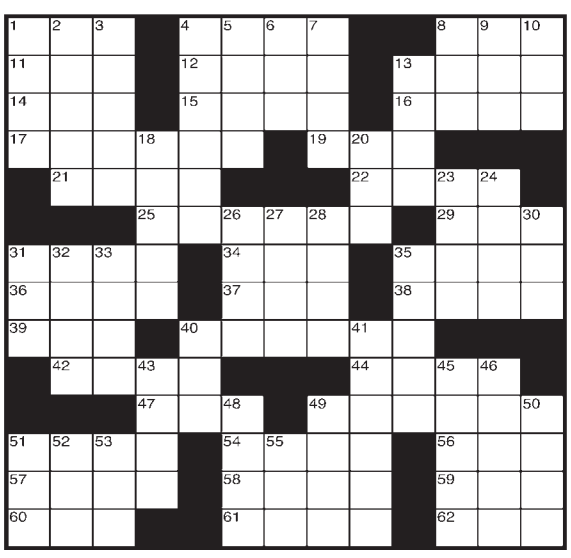

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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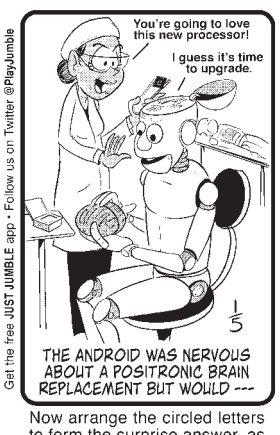
KROEP

GEMTNA

NUFEDO


You're going to love this new processor!
I guess it's time to upgrade.
THE ANDROID WAS NERVOUS ABOUT A POSITRONIC BRAIN REPLACEMENT BUT WOULD ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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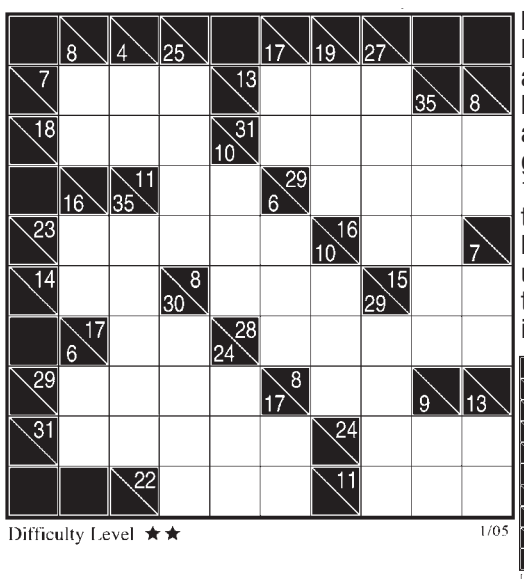
(Answers tomorrow)

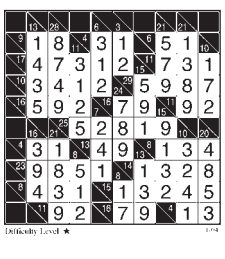
Yesterday's Jumbles: HUMID PICKY CAUGHT RELENT
Answer: How long their homemade kite would stay aloft was — UP IN THE AIR

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 1/05

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Actress Jessica Alba said, "My theory is that if you look confident, you can pull off anything – even if you have no clue what you're doing."

A bridge player who has no clue what he is doing doesn't look for the clues that would help him to find the winning declarer-play or defense. In today's deal, South is in two no-trump. West leads the heart five. What should declarer do?

In the auction, South undervalued his hand. The Kaplan-Rubens evaluation method rates his hand at 23.85 points. South should have opened two clubs and rebid two no-trump. However, then a Stayman sequence would have warned West not to lead a heart. If he had chosen a diamond, careful defense would have beaten the contract.

Against two no-trump, though, West went with fourth-highest from his longest and strongest.

Declarer applied the Rule of Eleven. Five from 11 is six. So there were six hearts higher than the five in the North, East and South hands combined. Since declarer could see five of them, he knew East had only one. Could that be the king?

If so, West had started with a heart suit headed by the J-10-9-5 and would have led the jack. So, West had to have the heart king. South called for dummy's queen.

When that held, declarer played a club to his queen and West's king. West should have led another heart, but he shifted to a spade. Declarer cashed his black-suit winners and heart ace before giving East the lead in spades and scoring the diamond king at trick 13. Plus 180 was a 90 percent board.

North 01-05-21
♠ 9
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ 5 4 3 2

West
♠ 10 8 2
♥ ? J 9 5 4
♦ 9 8 3
♣ K 7

East
♠ Q 7 6 5 4
♥ ? 2
♦ A Q J 4
♣ J 9

South
♠ A K J 3
♥ A 7
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 10 8 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	6		9		5			
2		1	8	7				
	8		1	3	2		5	6
5			6					4
	3	6	5		4	2	9	
8					7			5
6	4		3	2	9		7	
				6	1	9		3
			7		8		4	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	7	1	6	9	4	5	2	8
8	9	5	2	3	1	6	4	7
2	6	4	7	5	8	3	9	1
6	1	9	5	4	2	7	8	3
5	8	7	9	1	3	2	6	4
4	2	3	8	7	6	9	1	5
7	3	2	1	8	9	4	5	6
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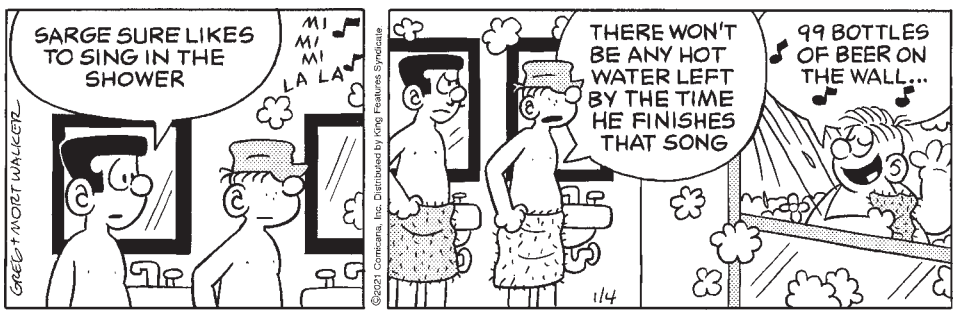
BEETLE BAILEY


SARGE SURE LIKES TO SING IN THE SHOWER
MI MI MI LA LA
GREG + MORT WALKER
THERE WON'T BE ANY HOT WATER LEFT BY THE TIME HE FINISHES THAT SONG
99 BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE WALL...
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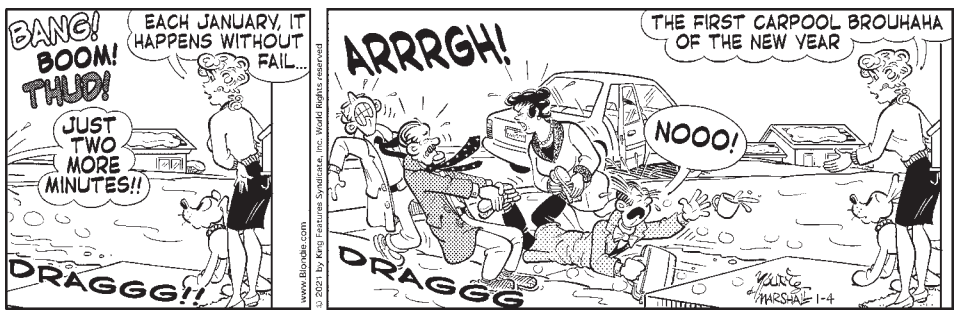

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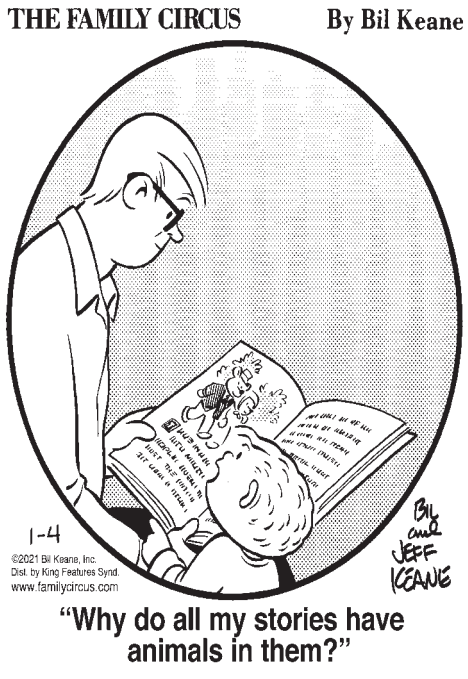

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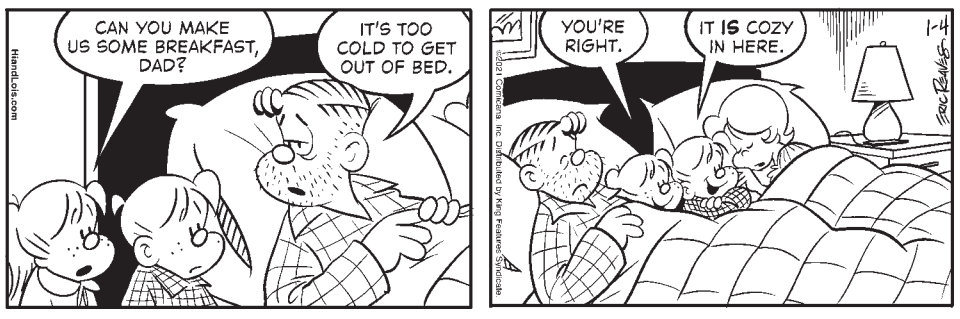
HI & LOIS


CAN YOU MAKE US SOME BREAKFAST, DAD?
IT'S TOO COLD TO GET OUT OF BED.
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YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT IS COZY IN HERE.
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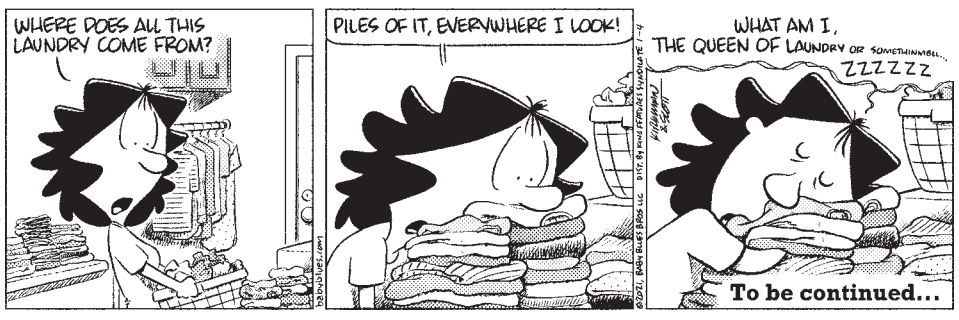
BABY BLUES


WHERE DOES ALL THIS LAUNDRY COME FROM?
PILES OF IT, EVERYWHERE I LOOK!
WHAT AM I, THE QUEEN OF LAUNDRY OR SOMETHINGGG...
ZZZZZZ
To be continued...

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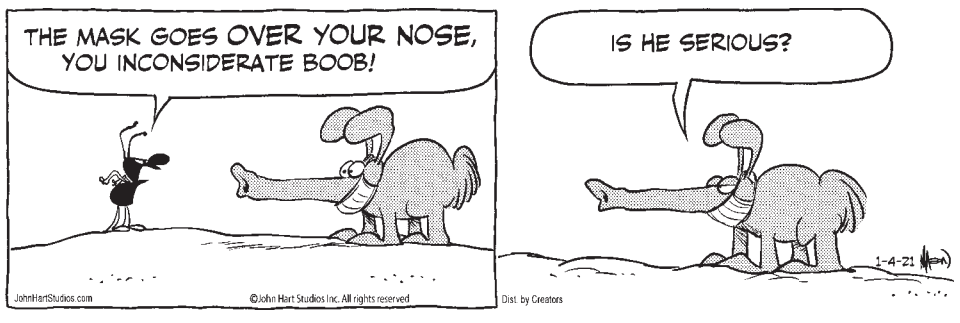
THE MASK GOES OVER YOUR NOSE, YOU INCONSIDERATE BOOB!
IS HE SERIOUS?
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CURTIS

GREAT TIA, ELEPHANT WITHOUT A TRUNK, YOU USED MAGIC TO GRANT MY WISHES. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE MORE...
IT IS MY WISH FOR YOU TO HAVE A TRUNK!
NOTHING HAPPENED
I'M NOT MAGIC
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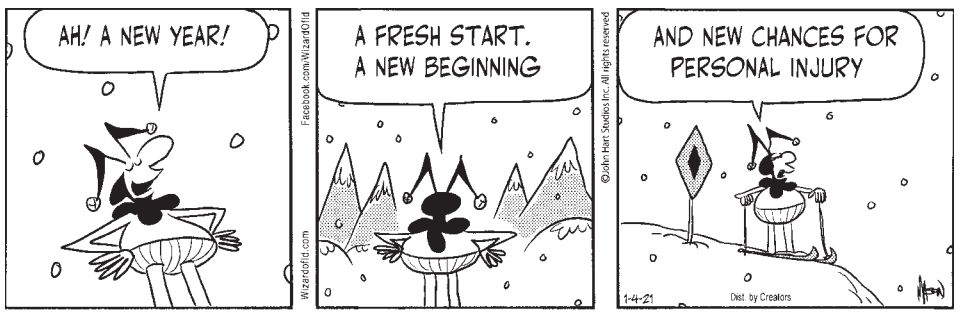
WIZARD OF ID



ZITS

WHA-A-A-AT??
THE VIDEO OF YOU DANCING IS TRENDING ON TIKTOK AND THE ANALYTICS ARE INSANE!
SLOWLY EXPLAIN EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAID.
YOU'RE A STAR.
SCOTT and BRANDON
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YOUR BOSS CAN'T TELL WHEN YOU ARE LYING ABOUT YOUR ACCOMP-LISHMENTS, BUT A SIMPLE TEST CAN TELL ME IF YOU HAVE LOSER DNA.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS POSSIBLE.
THAT RESPONSE IS HOW I KNOW YOU HAVE IT. YOUR TEST IS DONE.
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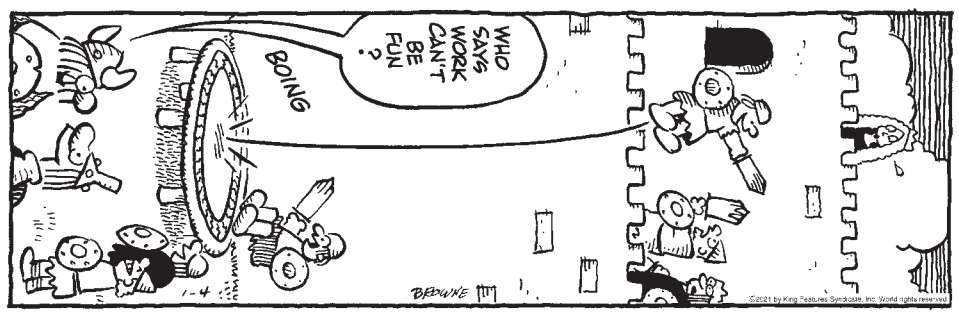

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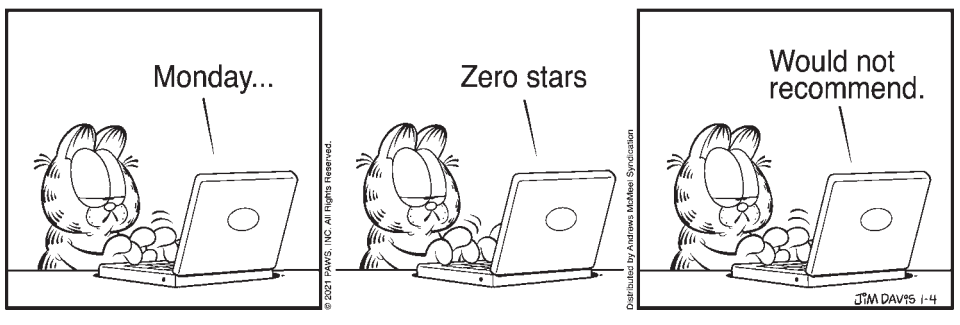

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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THIS SLED HILL IS THE FIRST PLACE I LEARNED I WASN'T A HUSKY.
FLYER
MIKE PETERS
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FORT KNOX

I CUT UP MY CREDIT CARD.
WHY, FRANK?
BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF BEING IN DEBT.
THAT'S A GREAT REASON.
AND I WON'T FEEL AS GUILTY DINING OUT.
BY PAYING WITH CASH?
BY BORROWING FROM YOU.
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MUTTS

PICKLES

WELL, LET'S SEE NOW, ROSCOE...
I HAD MY BOWL OF CEREAL, TOOK MY PILLS AND READ MY MORNING PAPER...
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YOU HAD YOUR PAT ON THE HEAD AND YOUR BOWL OF DOG CHOW...
IT APPEARS WE'VE SATISFIED 100% OF OUR MORNING RE-QUIREMENTS. LET'S GO BACK TO BED.
BRIAN CRANE
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SALLY FORTH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HIL?
WAITING.
FOR...?
WE'RE ALREADY FOUR DAYS INTO 2021. SOMETHING'S GOTTA GO SIDEWAYS SOON.
HIL, YOU HAVE TO HAVE MORE FAITH IN-
BLIZZARD'S COMING TOMORROW.
THERE WE GO.
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THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

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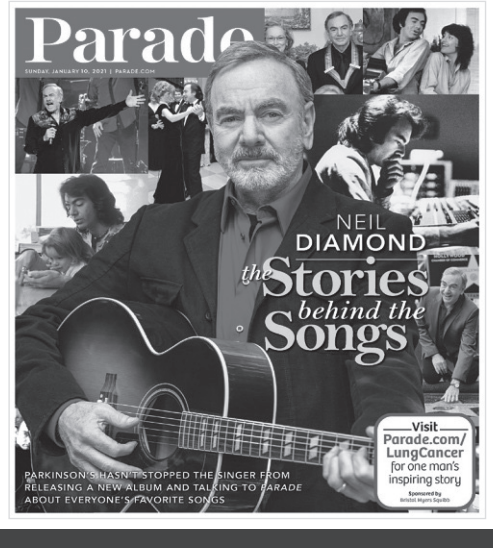
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PARKINSON'S HASN'T STOPPED THE SINGER FROM RELEASING A NEW ALBUM AND TALKING TO PARADE ABOUT EVERYONE'S FAVORITE SONGS

BEETLE BAILEY

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
THERE WAS A "TWO FOR ONE" SPECIAL
TWO FOR ONE WHAT ?
HAPPY HOURS
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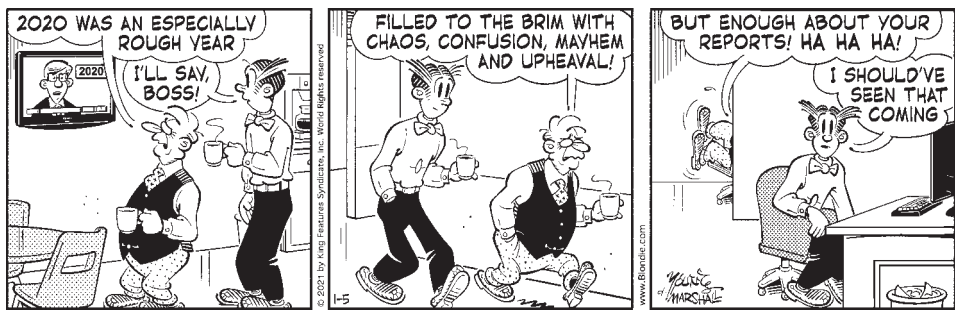
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2020
I'LL SAY, BOSS!
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FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH CHAOS, CONFUSION, MAYHEM AND UPHEAVAL!
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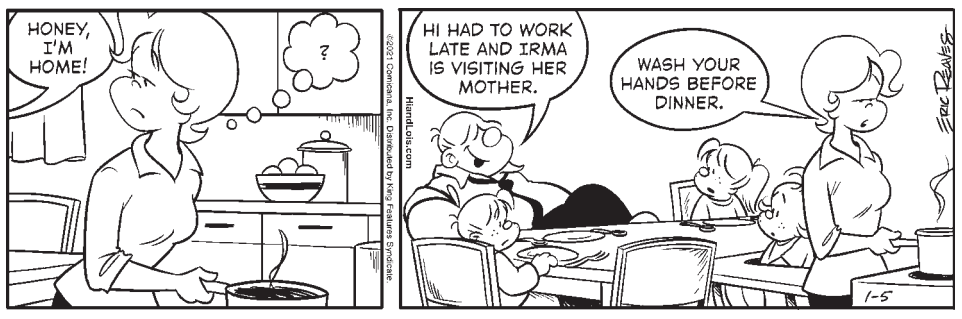
HI & LOIS


HONEY, I'M HOME!
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HI HAD TO WORK LATE AND IRMA IS VISITING HER MOTHER.
WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE DINNER.
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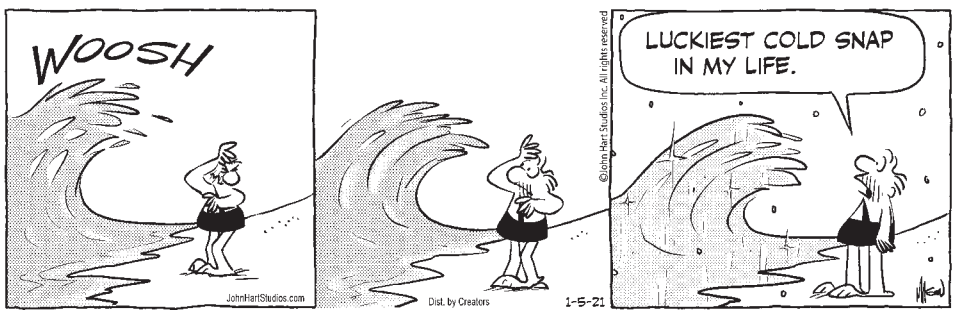

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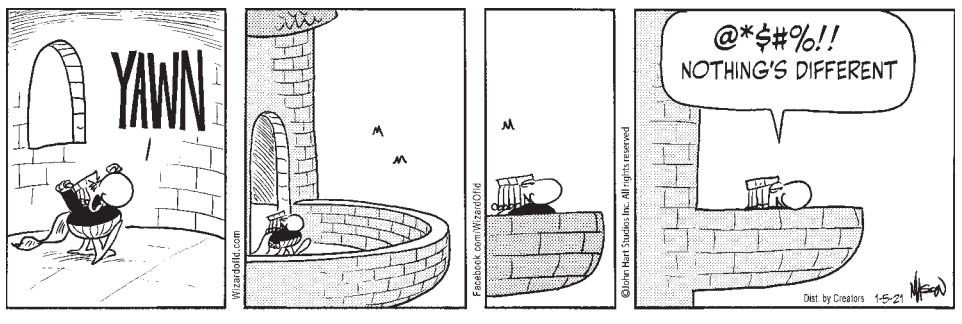

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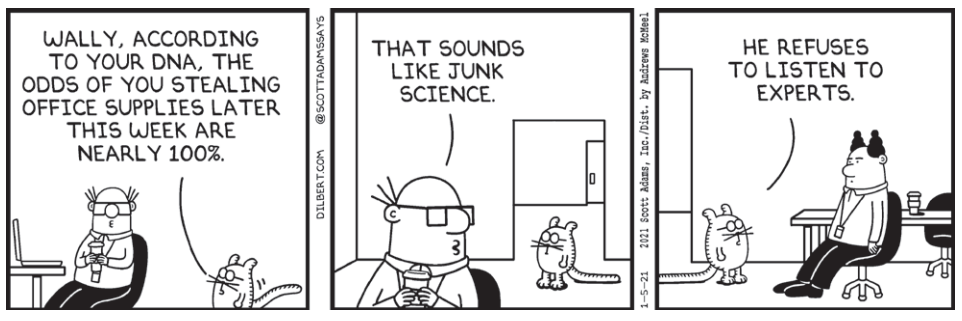
WALLY, ACCORDING TO YOUR DNA, THE ODDS OF YOU STEALING OFFICE SUPPLIES LATER THIS WEEK ARE NEARLY 100%.
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THAT SOUNDS LIKE JUNK SCIENCE.
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HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO EXPERTS.

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX

FRANK JUST BORROWED FIFTY BUCKS FROM ME.
ME TOO, GENERAL!
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HE TOLD ME HE CUT UP HIS CREDIT CARD.
YEAH, I WORRY THIS WILL AFFECT OUR FRIENDSHIP.
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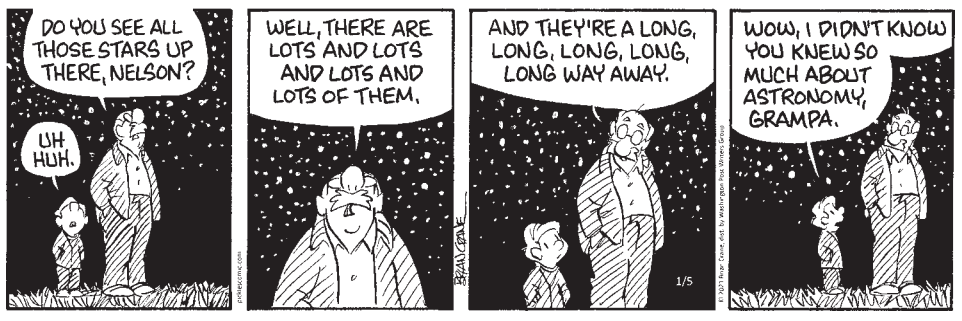
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT BECOMING BITTER?
NO, BECOMING AN ATM.

PICKLES


DO YOU SEE ALL THOSE STARS UP THERE, NELSON?
UH HUH.
picklescomic.com
WELL, THERE ARE LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF THEM.
AND THEY'RE A LONG, LONG, LONG, LONG, LONG WAY AWAY.
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WOW, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT ASTRONOMY, GRAMPA.
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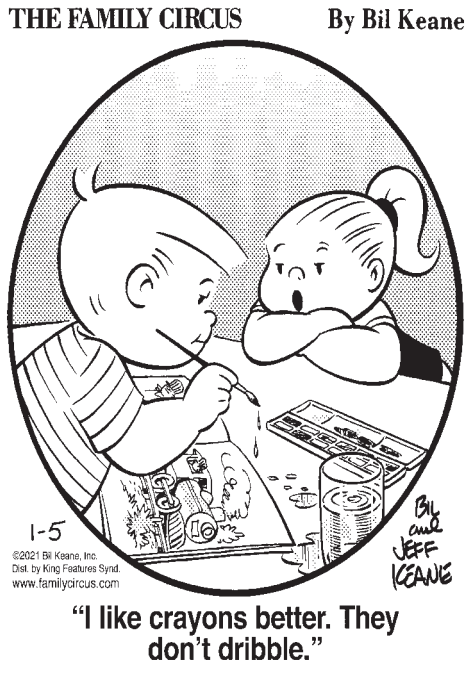
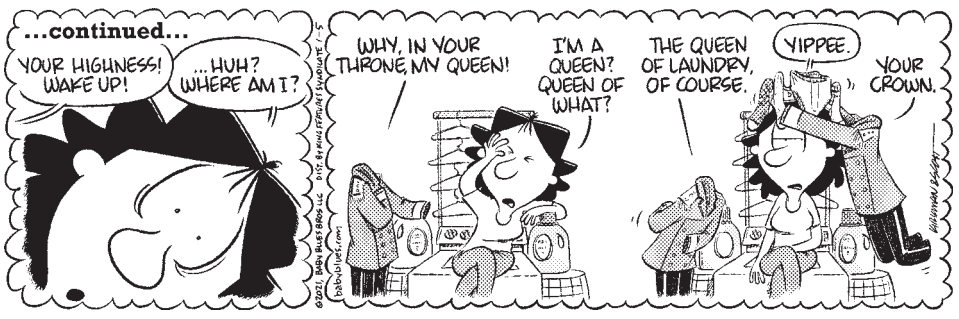
FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES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YOUR HIGHNESS! WAKE UP!
...HUH? WHERE AM I?
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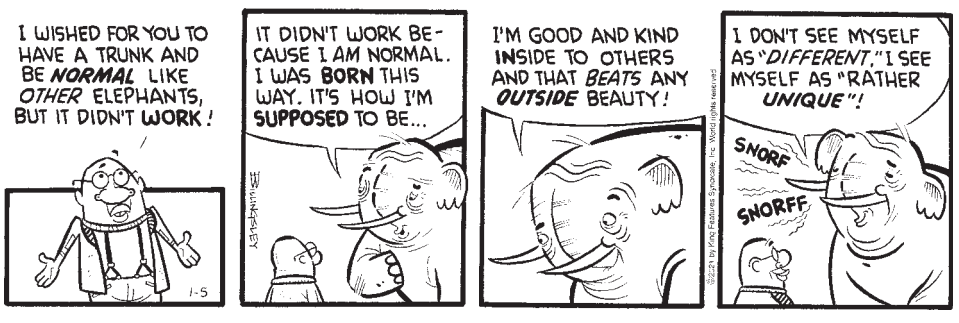
WHY, IN YOUR THRONE, MY QUEEN!
I'M A QUEEN? QUEEN OF WHAT?
THE QUEEN OF LAUNDRY, OF COURSE.
YIPPEE.
YOUR CROWN.

CURTIS


I WISHED FOR YOU TO HAVE A TRUNK AND BE NORMAL LIKE OTHER ELEPHANTS, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK!
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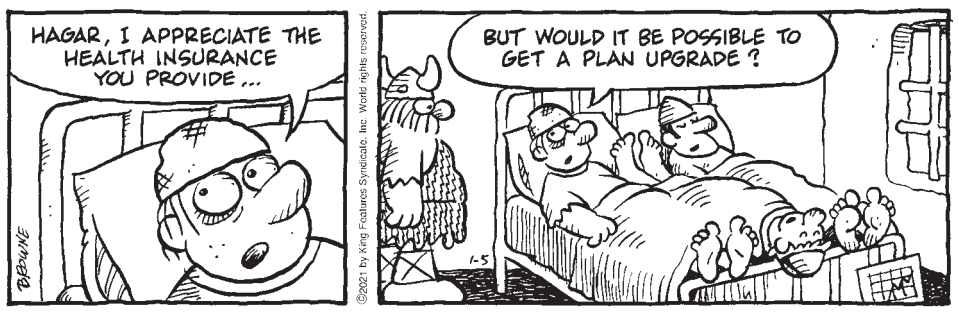
IT DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE I AM NORMAL. I WAS BORN THIS WAY. IT'S HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE...
I'M GOOD AND KIND INSIDE TO OTHERS AND THAT BEATS ANY OUTSIDE BEAUTY!
I DON'T SEE MYSELF AS "DIFFERENT," I SEE MYSELF AS "RATHER UNIQUE"!
SNORF
SNORFF

ZITS

YOU SECRETLY FILMED ME DANCING??
YEAH! IT WAS HILARIOUS.
YOU HAD HEADPHONES ON, AND WERE REALLY GETTING INTO IT!
1-5
SCOTT and BORGMAN
THAT'S INVASION OF PRIVACY!
WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE: THREE MILLION TIKTOK LIKES OR A SHRED OF DIGNITY?
zitscomics.com

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HAGAR, I APPRECIATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE YOU PROVIDE...
BROWNE
BUT WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GET A PLAN UPGRADE?
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I NEED SOME HELP WITH MY OBEDIENCE SCHOOL HOMEWORK
I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU, GRIMMY. WHAT DO YOU NEED?
A GOOD EXCUSE WHY I DIDN'T DO IT
MIKE PETERS
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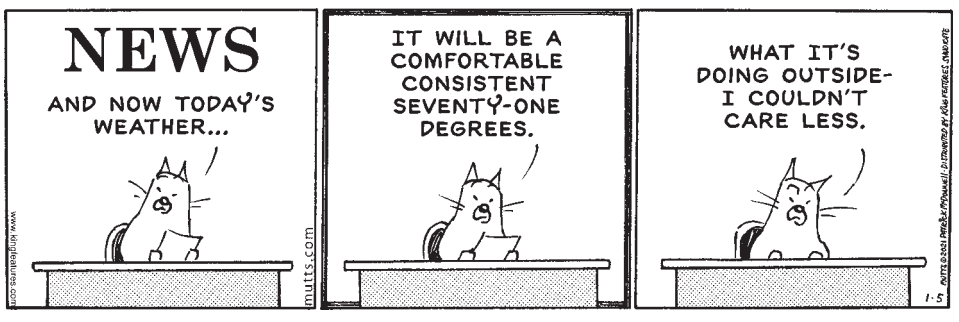
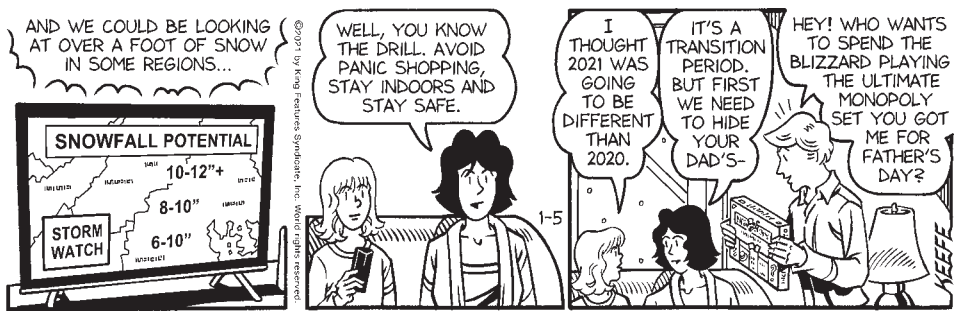
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH


AND WE COULD BE LOOKING AT OVER A FOOT OF SNOW IN SOME REGIONS...
SNOWFALL POTENTIAL
10-12"+
8-10"
6-10"
STORM WATCH
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WELL, YOU KNOW THE DRILL. AVOID PANIC SHOPPING, STAY INDOORS AND STAY SAFE.
1-5
I THOUGHT 2021 WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THAN 2020.
IT'S A TRANSITION PERIOD. BUT FIRST WE NEED TO HIDE YOUR DAD'S-
HEY! WHO WANTS TO SPEND THE BLIZZARD PLAYING THE ULTIMATE MONOPOLY SET YOU GOT ME FOR FATHER'S DAY?
KEEFE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
TRIAL COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION

CASE NO.
2019-0017-NA-M

PUBLICATION OF
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TERMINATION
HEARING

TO: HEATHER DYNES

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This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights. You have the right to an attorney. There is no right to a jury at this hearing.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Abide by the rules to avoid repercussions. Look at every angle of a situation before considering the best way to maintain your position without offending someone who doesn't share your beliefs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Accommodating others may be a nice gesture, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Participating in a physical activity and sharing something special with a loved one are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Reach out to people who share your vision. Inside information will come your way, but before you take action, consider the risk involved. Protect your privacy, passwords and reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to gain access to information that will help you improve your lot in life. A positive change in a meaningful relationship will unfold. When in doubt, ask questions. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be tempted to join someone else's team when you should be leading the way. Believe in your ability to get things done on your own. Now's your time to shine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone will let you down if you are too trusting. If you want something done, be prepared to do it yourself. An unexpected change will lead to uncertainty. Be creative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An opportunity will require your undivided attention and discipline. If you get along with others, you will make progress. Home improvements are favored, but do the work yourself to save money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone will blame you if something goes wrong. Facts matter, and sticking to the truth will benefit you in the end. A physical challenge will help ease stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll encounter problems if you don't take care of yourself and the ones you love. Problems will arise if honesty is lacking. Fitness and proper diet are encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Emotional issues will surface if you get into a discussion with someone demanding. Take a step back and consider what you want. Work hard to maintain good health.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Reconnect with people you miss. The suggestions you receive will help you perform at your best. Uncertainty regarding a friend or relative will make you take a hard look at your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You'll discover an innovative way to use your skills. Making minor adjustments will put you in the running for a position that has plenty of room for growth. Tread carefully when it comes to romance.

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